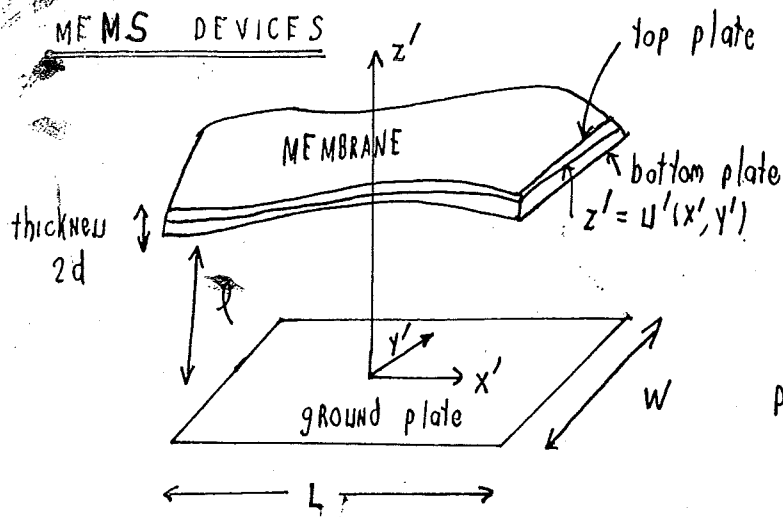




A MEMS CAPACITOR

"MICRO-ELECTRICAL-MECHANICAL-SYSTEM"

WE WILL DERIVE A NONLINEAR PDE FOR THE DEFLECTION OF THE TOP MEMBRANE DUE TO AN IMPOSED VOLTAGE BIAS ACROSS THE THIN GAP OF WIDTH d .

NOW THE EQUATIONS ARE

POTENTIAL BETWEEN
MEMBRANE AND BOTTOM
PLATE

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta' \psi_1 = 0 \quad |x'| \leq L/2, \quad |y'| \leq W/2 \\ \psi_1 = 0 \quad \text{ON} \quad z' = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

INSIDE THE MEMBRANE

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nabla' \cdot [\epsilon_2 \nabla' \psi_2] = 0 \quad |x'| \leq L/2, \quad |y'| \leq W/2 \\ \psi_2 = V \quad \text{ON} \quad z' = U'(x', y') + d \end{array} \right.$$

NOW THE CONTINUITY CONDITIONS ARE

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_1 &\equiv \psi_2 \quad \text{AT} \quad z' = U'(x', y') - d \\ \epsilon_2 \nabla' \psi_2 \cdot \hat{n} &= \epsilon_0 \nabla' \psi_1 \cdot \hat{n} \quad \text{AT} \quad z' = U'(x', y') - d \end{aligned}$$

HERE $\epsilon_2 = \epsilon_2(x', y')$ IS THE DIELECTRIC PERMITTIVITY OF THE MEMBRANE, AND ϵ_0 IS THE PERMITTIVITY OF AIR.

HERE $\hat{n}$ IS THE UNIT NORMAL TO THE SURFACE $z' - U'(x', y') + d = 0$

AND SO

$$\hat{n} = \frac{(-U'_{x'}, -U'_{y'}, 1)}{[1 + (U'_{x'})^2 + (U'_{y'})^2]^{1/2}}$$

NOW WE ASSUME THAT $W, L \gg \ell$ where ℓ is the gap width
BETWEEN THE MEMBRANE AND THE BOTTOM PLATE

NOW LET $X = x'/L, \quad Y = y'/L, \quad Z = z'/\ell, \quad U = u'/\ell$

THE EQUATIONS BECOME

$$\text{IN GAP} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Psi_{,ZZ} + \frac{\ell^2}{L^2} (\Psi_{,XX} + \Psi_{,YY}) = 0 \quad |X| < 1/2, |Y| < W/2L \\ \Psi_1 = 0 \quad \text{ON } Z = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

LET $\varepsilon_2(X, Y) = \varepsilon_2(LX, LY)$. THEN,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \varepsilon_2 \Psi_{2ZZ} + \frac{\ell^2}{L^2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial X}, \frac{\partial}{\partial Y} \right) \cdot \left[\varepsilon_2 \left(\frac{\partial \Psi_2}{\partial X}, \frac{\partial \Psi_2}{\partial Y} \right) \right] = 0 \\ \varepsilon_2 \left(\frac{1}{L} \frac{\partial}{\partial X}, \frac{1}{L} \frac{\partial}{\partial Y}, \frac{1}{\ell} \frac{\partial}{\partial Z} \right) \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{L} \Psi_X, -\frac{1}{L} \Psi_Y, 1 \right) \Psi_2 \end{array} \right. \quad \text{IN } |Z - U| \leq d/\ell, |X| \leq \frac{1}{2}, |Y| \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \varepsilon_0 \left(\frac{1}{L} \frac{\partial}{\partial X}, \frac{1}{L} \frac{\partial}{\partial Y}, \frac{1}{\ell} \frac{\partial}{\partial Z} \right) \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{L} \Psi_X, -\frac{1}{L} \Psi_Y, 1 \right) \Psi_1$$

ON $Z = U - d/\ell$

$$\Psi_1 = \Psi_2 \quad \text{ON } Z = U - d/\ell$$

$$\Psi_2 = V \quad \text{ON } Z = U + d/\ell$$

NOW IN THE LIMIT $1/\ell \ll 1$, (thin gap), WE OBTAIN

$$\text{membrane} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Psi_{2ZZ} = 0 \quad U - d/\ell \leq Z \leq U + d/\ell \\ \Psi_2 = V \quad Z = U + d/\ell \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{gap} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Psi_{1ZZ} = 0 \quad 0 \leq Z \leq U - d/\ell \\ \Psi_1 = 0 \quad Z = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

THE CONTINUITY CONDITIONS ARE

$$\epsilon_2 \psi_{2z} = \epsilon_0 \psi_{1z} \quad \text{ON } z = U - d/l$$

$$\psi_1 = \psi_2 \quad \text{ON } z = U - d/l$$

DEFINE $z_l = U - d/l$, $z_u = U + d/l$.

WE SOLVE TO GET
$$\psi = \begin{cases} A_1 z & \text{ON } 0 \leq z \leq z_l \\ A_2 (z - z_u) + V & \text{ON } z_l \leq z \leq z_u \end{cases}$$

NOW CONTINUITY GIVES: $A_1 z_l = A_2 (z_l - z_u) + V$

$$\epsilon_2 A_2 = \epsilon_0 A_1$$

THIS YIELDS THAT
$$A_1 = \frac{\epsilon_2/\epsilon_0 V}{(\epsilon_2/\epsilon_0) z_l + 2d/l}, \quad A_2 = \frac{V}{[(\epsilon_2/\epsilon_0) z_l + 2d/l]}$$

THIS YIELDS THE TWIN GAP RESULT:

$$\psi = \begin{cases} \frac{(\epsilon_2/\epsilon_0) V}{(\epsilon_2/\epsilon_0) z_l + 2d/l} z & 0 \leq z \leq z_l \\ \frac{V}{[(\epsilon_2/\epsilon_0) z_l + 2d/l]} (z - z_u) + V & z_l \leq z \leq z_u \end{cases}$$

NOW A DEFORMABLE ELASTIC MEMBRANE SATISFIES

$$T \Delta' \psi'(x', y') = \frac{\epsilon_2}{2} |\nabla' \psi_2|^2 \quad \text{ON } z' = \psi'(x', y') - d$$

where T is the tension in the membrane.

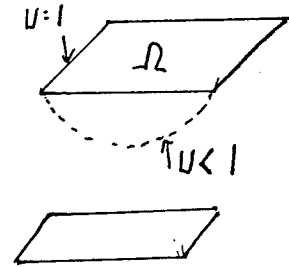
NEXT, WE WILL ASSUME EVEN FURTHER THAT $d/l \ll 1$. THEN ON THE SURFACE $z = U$ WE HAVE: $\psi_2 \sim V \left(\frac{\epsilon_0}{\epsilon_2} \right) \frac{(z - U)}{U} + V$.

NOW WRITING $x = x'/l$, $y = y'/l$, $U = U'/l$ WE OBTAIN THAT

$$\tau \left[\frac{\ell}{L^2} \right] (u_{xx} + u_{yy}) = \frac{\epsilon_2}{2\ell^2} (\psi_{2z})^2 + \dots$$

THIS YIELDS WITH $\psi_{2z} = V \frac{\epsilon_0}{\epsilon_2} \frac{1}{u}$ THAT

$$\begin{cases} u_{xx} + u_{yy} = \frac{\lambda f(x,y)}{u^2} & \text{IN } \Omega \\ u = 1 & \text{ON } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$



WITH $\lambda = \frac{\epsilon_0 L^2 V^2}{2\ell^3 \tau}$ $f(x,y) = \frac{\epsilon_0}{\epsilon_2(x,y)}$ λ bifurcation parameter.

THIS IS THE EQUATION FOR THE DEFLECTION u OF THE MEMBRANE.

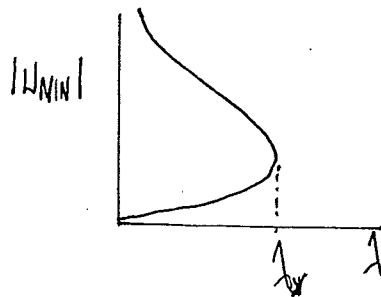
NOTICE THAT $\lambda \propto V^2$ WHICH IS THE SQUARE OF THE APPLIED

VOLTAGE. NOTICE THAT WHEN $u=0$ WE HAVE A SINGULARITY AS THE MEMBRANE TOUCHES THE GROUND PLATE.

QUESTIONS

(i) WHAT IS $u_{\min}$ VS λ ? TYPICALLY WE GET A PICTURE OF

THE FORM



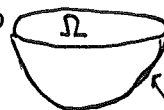
$\lambda_* = \text{FOLD POINT VALUE}$

$$V_{\text{pull-in}} \equiv (\lambda_*/C)^{1/2}$$

(ii) WE WOULD LIKE TO ESTIMATE λ_* AND IN PARTICULAR TRY TO CHOOSE, OR OPTIMIZE ϵ_2 , SO THAT λ_* IS LARGE. THIS WILL ALLOW STEADY-STATE SOLUTIONS FOR A LARGE INTERVAL IN V .

MEMS PDE PUT LOWER PLATE AT $U = -1 \Rightarrow U \mapsto 1+U$

$U=0$



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THEN, WE WRITE (*) $\Delta U = \frac{\lambda F(x)}{(1+U)^2}$ IN Ω

$U=0$ ON $\partial\Omega$

$U=-1$

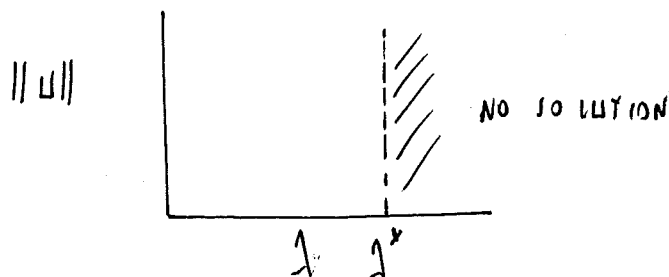


WITH $F(x) = \frac{\epsilon_0}{\epsilon_2(x)} > 0$ IN Ω , WITH $C > 0$

AND $\lambda = b V^2$ IS BIFURCATION PARAMETER. WE REQUIRE $U > -1$ IN Ω .

PROPOSITION $\exists$ A $\lambda^* > 0$ SUCH THAT NO SOLUTION TO (*) EXISTS IF $\lambda > \lambda^*$.

I.E. $\exists$ A MAXIMUM VOLTAGE $V_{pull} = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda^*}{b}}$ S.T. NO SOLUTION EXISTS IF $V > V_{pull}$.



PROOF SUPPOSE THAT U EXISTS. THEN BY GREEN'S IDENTITY WITH

$\Delta \Phi_i = -\sigma_i \Phi_i$, WE OBTAIN

$$\int_{\Omega} (\Phi_i \Delta U - U \Delta \Phi_i) dx = \lambda \int_{\Omega} \frac{\Phi_i F}{(1+U)^2} dx + \int_{\Omega} \Phi_i U \sigma_i dx = 0$$

WE CONCLUDE THAT $I \equiv \int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{\lambda F}{(1+U)^2} + U \sigma_i \right) \Phi_i dx = 0$

THU IF A SOLUTION EXISTS, WE MUST FIND THAT $I \equiv 0$.

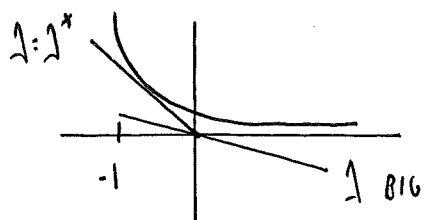
NOW
$$I \geq \int_{\Omega} \left[\frac{\lambda C}{(1+U)^2} + U \sigma_i \right] \Phi_i dx$$

SO IF $\frac{\lambda C}{(1+U)^2} + U \sigma_i > 0 \quad \forall -1 < U$ THEN $I > 0$ AND WE

HAVE A CONTRADICTION $\rightarrow$ NO SOLUTION.

LET
$$f = \frac{1}{(1+U)^2} \quad g = -\frac{\sigma_i}{\lambda C} U.$$

IF $f > g$ ON $U > -1 \rightarrow$ NO SOLUTION.



WE CONCLUDE THAT $F > g$ ON $u > 1$
 IFF $\lambda > \lambda^*$ WHERE λ^*, u^* SATISFY THE
 TANGENCY CONDITION

$$\frac{1}{(1+u)^2} = -\frac{\sigma_1}{\lambda c} u$$

$$\frac{-2}{(1+u)^3} = -\frac{\sigma_1}{\lambda c}$$

DIVIDE $-\frac{(1+u)}{2} = u \rightarrow 3u = -1, u = -\frac{1}{3}$

THU $\lambda^* = \frac{\sigma_1}{2c} (1+u)^3 = \frac{4\sigma_1}{27}$

EXAMPLE CONSIDER THE UNIT DISK WITH $F \equiv 1$. THEN $\Phi_1 = J_0(\sqrt{\sigma_1} r)$
 WITH $J_0(\sqrt{\sigma_1}) = 0$ OR $\sigma_1 = (2.4048\dots)^2 \rightarrow \lambda^* = \frac{4}{27} (2.4048)^2 \approx .857$.

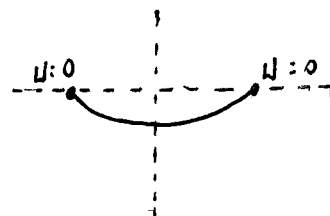
EXAMPLE IN SLAB DOMAIN $-\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}$ THEN $\Phi_1 = \sin(\sqrt{\sigma_1} (x + \frac{1}{2}))$

SO $\sin(\sqrt{\sigma_1}) = 0 \rightarrow \sqrt{\sigma_1} = \pi$ OR $\sigma_1 = \pi^2$. WE HAVE FOR $C=1$ THAT
 $\lambda^* = \frac{4}{27} (\pi^2) \approx 1.46$.

REMARK METHOD OF PROOF NEEDS $C > 0$, I.E. F BOUNDED AWAY FROM ZERO.

1-D PROBLEM

$$u'' = \frac{\lambda}{(1+u)^2}, \quad |x| \leq \frac{1}{2}$$



$$u(x) = u(1-x), \quad u \text{ CONVEX}, \quad u(x) \leq 0 \text{ ON } |x| \leq 1/2$$

$$u(\pm 1/2) = 0$$

WE PUT $u(0) = u_0$ WITH $-1 < u(0) < 0$ AND CALCULATE:

WE MULTIPLY BY U' AND INTEGRATE

(M3)

$$\frac{U'^2}{2} = -\frac{\lambda}{1+U} + C = \frac{\lambda}{1+U_0} - \frac{\lambda}{1+U} = \frac{\lambda(U-U_0)}{(1+U_0)(1+U)}$$

WE GET $U' = \sqrt{2\lambda} \left[\frac{U-U_0}{(1+U_0)(1+U)} \right]^{1/2}$ ON $0 < X < 1/2$.

INTEGRATING YIELDS:

$$\int \frac{(1+U)^{1/2}}{(U-U_0)^{1/2}} dU = \int \frac{\sqrt{2\lambda}}{(1+U_0)^{1/2}} dX$$

SO $\int_{U_0}^U \frac{(1+U)^{1/2}}{(U-U_0)^{1/2}} dU = \frac{\sqrt{2\lambda}}{\sqrt{1+U_0}} X$.

NOW $U(1/2) = 0$ YIELDS,

$$\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2(1+U_0)}} = \int_{U_0}^0 \sqrt{\frac{1+U}{U-U_0}} dU = 2 \int_0^{\sqrt{-U_0}} \sqrt{1+U_0+S^2} dS.$$

NOW LET $U-U_0 = S^2$. $\frac{dU}{\sqrt{U-U_0}} = \frac{2S dS}{S} = 2$

IN THIS WAY WE OBTAIN

$$\sqrt{\lambda} = 2\sqrt{2(1+U_0)} \int_0^{\sqrt{-U_0}} g(U_0, S) dS \quad g(U_0, S) = \sqrt{1+U_0+S^2}.$$

NOTICE THAT $\sqrt{\lambda} = 0$ WHEN $U_0 = 0$ AND WHEN $U_0 = -1$. MORE OVER,

$\sqrt{\lambda} > 0$ ON $-1 < U_0 < 0$. THUS $\exists$ A MAX. VALUE FOR λ , LABELLED BY λ_{MAX} ,

AS U_0 RANGES ON $-1 < U_0 < 0$.

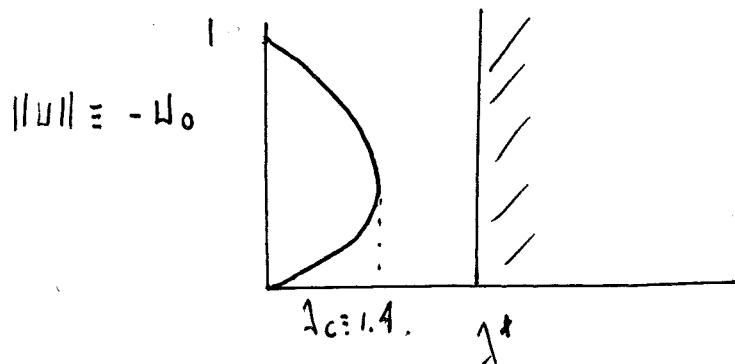
NOW WE CALCULATE A) $U_0 \rightarrow 0$ THAT

$$\sqrt{\lambda} \sim 2\sqrt{2(1+U_0)} (\sqrt{-U_0}) \text{ SO } \lambda \sim 8(-U_0) + \dots$$

NOW AS $u_0 \rightarrow -1$ WE HAVE

$$\sqrt{\lambda} \sim 2\sqrt{2} \sqrt{1+u_0} \int_0^1 g(-1, s) ds = \frac{2}{2} \sqrt{2} \sqrt{1+u_0}.$$

THUS $\lambda \sim 2(1+u_0)$ AS $u_0 \rightarrow -1$.



BY A NUMERICAL EVALUATION $d\lambda/d u_0 = 0$ AT $\lambda = \lambda_c \approx 1.4$

RECALL THE EXISTENCE THRESHOLD BOUND λ^* . WE FOUND THAT $\lambda^* \approx 1.46$.

RADIAL CASE SUPPOSE $f \equiv 1$.

WE HAVE $u'' + \frac{1}{r} u' = \frac{\lambda}{(1+u)^2}$, $u(1) = 0$, $u'(0) = 0$. $J_0(z_0) = 0$, $z_0 = 2.4048$

WE WOULD LIKE TO PLOT $-u(0)$ VERSUS λ . NO SOLUTION IF $\lambda > \frac{4}{27} (z_0)^2 = .857$.

WE NOW CONVERT TO AN ODE:

$$\text{SET } u = -1 + \alpha w(p) \quad p = \gamma r.$$

WE CAN TAKE WLOG $w(0) = 1$ AND $w'(0) = 0$.

$$\text{SUBSTITUTE: } \alpha \gamma^2 w'' + \frac{\alpha \gamma^2}{p} w' = \frac{\lambda}{\alpha^2 w^2}$$

NOW CHOOSE $\lambda = \alpha^3 \gamma^2$, THEN WE HAVE THE ODE IVP:

$$(1) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} w'' + \frac{1}{p} w' = \frac{1}{w^2} \\ w(0) = 1, w'(0) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

NOW $u(1) = 0 \rightarrow -1 + \alpha w(x) = 0 \rightarrow \alpha = \frac{1}{w(x)}$.

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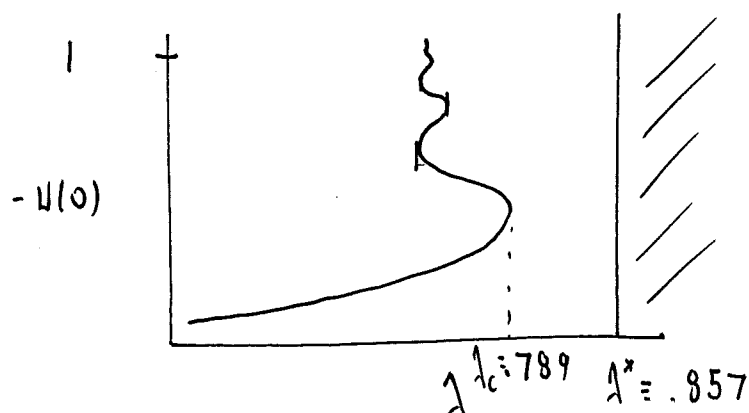
THIS YIELDS WITH $\alpha = u(0) + 1$ THAT

$$\lambda = x^2 / [w(x)]^3$$

$$u(0) + 1 = \alpha = 1/w(x)$$

OR
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \|u\| = -u(0) &= 1 - 1/w(x) \\ \lambda &= x^2 / (w(x))^3 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2)$$

THIS YIELDS A PARAMETERIZATION OF THE RADIALLY SYMMETRIC STEADY-STATES IN THE $-u(0)$ vs λ PLANE



NUMERICALLY THIS IS NOW TRIVIAL AND WE FIND THAT $\lambda_c = .789..$

REMARK NUMERICAL: WE MUST HAVE $w \sim 1 + Ap^2$ AS $p \rightarrow 0$

SO THAT FROM PDF $2A + 2A = 1 \rightarrow A = 1/4$.

LET $\varepsilon = .001$ $w(\varepsilon) = 1 + \varepsilon^2/4$, $w'(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon/2$.

NOW WE MUST EXPLAIN THE BIFURCATION DIAGRAM. THE KEY FEATURE OBSERVED NUMERICALLY IS THE INFINITE NUMBER OF SADDLE-NODE BIFURCATION POINTS.

WE WILL CONSIDER LONG-TIME BEHAVIOR FOR

(M6)

$$W'' + \frac{1}{\rho} W' = \frac{1}{W^2}, \quad W(0) = 1, \quad W'(0) = 0.$$

WE PUT $\eta = \log \rho$ SO THAT $W(\rho) \rightarrow \bar{W}(\eta)$.

THEN $W_\rho = \bar{W}_\eta / \rho$ $W_{\rho\rho} = \bar{W}_{\eta\eta} / \rho^2 - \bar{W}_\eta / \rho^2$ SO

$$\bar{W}_{\eta\eta} \frac{1}{\rho^2} - \frac{1}{\rho^2} \bar{W}_\eta + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \bar{W}_\eta = \frac{1}{\bar{W}^2} \rightarrow \bar{W}_{\eta\eta} = \frac{e^{2\eta}}{\bar{W}^2}$$

NOW LET $\bar{W} = e^{B\eta} V \rightarrow \bar{W}'' = B^2 e^{B\eta} V + 2B e^{B\eta} V' + e^{B\eta} V''$ SO

$$V'' + 2BV' + B^2 V = \frac{e^{(2-B)\eta}}{e^{2B\eta} V^2} = \frac{e^{(2-3B)\eta}}{V^2}$$

THU $B = 2/3$ AND WE GET

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} V'' + \frac{4}{3} V' + \frac{4}{9} V = \frac{1}{V^2}, \quad 0 \leq \eta < \infty \\ W = \rho^{2/3} V(\eta) \quad \eta = \log \rho. \end{array} \right.$$

NOW THIS IS A 2-DOF DYNAMICAL SYSTEM: $V_1 = V'$, $V_2 = V$ SO

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{V}_2' &= \underline{V}_1 \\ \underline{V}_1' &= -\frac{4}{3} \underline{V}_1 + \frac{4}{9} \underline{V}_2 + \frac{1}{\underline{V}_2^2} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \underline{V}' = \underline{F}(\underline{V}).$$

NOW THE EQUILIBRIUM IS $\frac{4}{9} V_e = \frac{1}{V_e^2}$ SO $V_e^3 = \frac{9}{4}$ OR $V_e = \left(\frac{9}{4}\right)^{1/3}$.

NOW LINEARIZE: $V = V_e + \phi$ WITH $\phi \ll 1$

THEN $\phi'' + \frac{4}{3} \phi' + \frac{4}{9} \phi = -\frac{2}{V_e^3} \phi, \rightarrow \phi'' + \frac{4}{3} \phi' + \frac{4}{9} \phi + \frac{8}{9} \phi = 0$

SO $\phi'' + \frac{4}{3} \phi' + \frac{12}{9} \phi = 0.$

NOW PUT $\phi = e^{\lambda t} \rightarrow \lambda^2 + \frac{4}{3} \lambda + \frac{12}{9} = 0$, SO $\lambda = -\frac{2}{3} \pm i \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$

THIS YIELDS $\phi = A e^{-2\Lambda/3} \cos \left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \Lambda + \phi_0 \right)$ ϕ_0 phase shift.

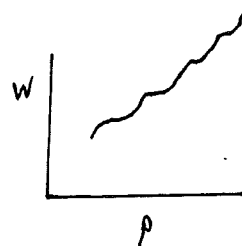
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NOW RECALL $\Lambda = \log p$, THEN FOR $\Lambda \gg 1$ WE HAVE

$$V \sim \left(\frac{9}{4} \right)^{1/3} + A e^{-2\Lambda/3} \cos \left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \Lambda + \phi_0 \right) \quad A \ll 1$$

WITH $\Lambda = \log p$, $W = p^{2/3} V$ SO $p^{2/3} e^{-2\Lambda/3} = 1$ WE GET

$$W \sim \left(\frac{9}{4} \right)^{1/3} p^{2/3} + A \cos \left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \log p + \phi_0 \right) \quad \text{as } p \rightarrow \infty.$$

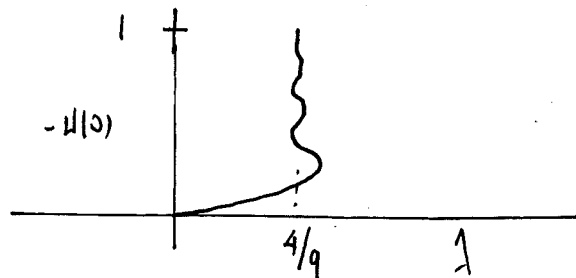


RECALL $-u(0) = 1 - \frac{1}{w(x)}$, $\lambda(x) = \frac{x^2}{(w(x))^3}$.

THUS $-u(0) \sim 1 - \frac{1}{\left(\frac{9}{4} \right)^{1/3} x^{2/3} + \dots}$, $\lambda \sim \frac{x^2}{\left(\frac{9}{4} \right)^{2/3} x^{4/3} \left[1 + \frac{A \left(\frac{4}{9} \right)^{1/3} \cos(\dots)}{x^{1/3}} \right]^3}$

THIS YIELDS FOR $x \rightarrow +\infty$ THAT $-u(0) \rightarrow 1^-$

AND $\lambda \sim \frac{4}{9} \left[1 - \frac{3A}{x^{1/3}} \left(\frac{4}{9} \right)^{1/3} \cos \left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \log x + \phi_0 \right) \right]$



DIELECTRIC PERMITTIVITY

WE LET $\frac{\epsilon_0}{\epsilon_2} = \Gamma^\alpha$ SO THAT $\epsilon_2 = \epsilon_0 \Gamma^{-\alpha}$ (HIGH PERMITTIVITY NEAR $\Gamma=0$)

THEN IN A DISK WE HAVE

$$u_{rr} + \frac{1}{r} u_r = \frac{\lambda \Gamma^\alpha}{(1+u)^2}, \quad u(1) = 0, \quad u'(0) = 0 \quad \text{WITH } \alpha > 0.$$

NOW IF WE LET $u(\Gamma) = -1 + \alpha w(p)$ WITH $p = \lambda \Gamma$ WE GET

$$\lambda^2 \alpha \left(w'' + \frac{1}{p} w' \right) = \frac{\lambda p^\alpha}{\lambda^2 \alpha^2 w^2}$$

THIS YIELDS,
$$W'' + \frac{1}{\rho} W' = \frac{\lambda \rho^\mu}{\gamma^{2+\mu} \alpha^3} \frac{1}{W^2}.$$

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CHOOSE $W(0) = 1$ WLOG. THEN TAKE

$$\lambda = \gamma^{2+\mu} \alpha^3$$

AND $W(1) = 0$ SO $-1 + \alpha W(\gamma) = 0$ OR $\alpha = 1/W(\gamma).$

THEN WE GET

$$\lambda = \frac{\gamma^{2+\mu}}{[W(\gamma)]^3}$$

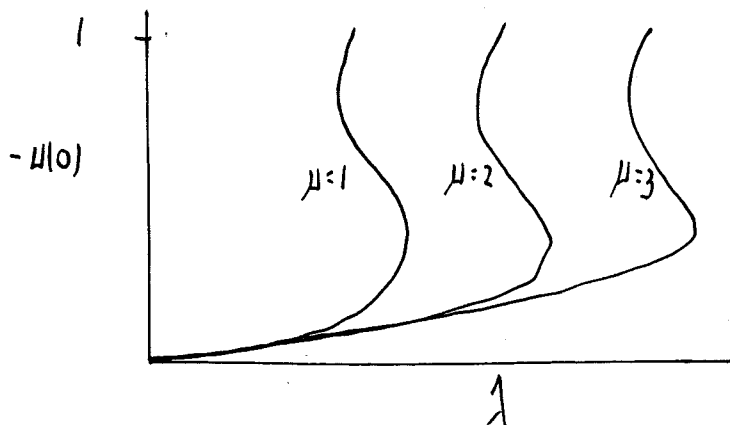
WHERE

$$W'' + \frac{1}{\rho} W' = \frac{\rho^\mu}{W^2}$$

$$W(0) = 1, W'(0) = 0.$$

$$-u(0) = 1 - \frac{1}{W(\gamma)}$$

WE WANT TO PLOT $-u(0)$ VERSUS λ FOR DIFFERENT μ .



NOW TO FIND THE LONG-TIME $\gamma \rightarrow +\infty$ BEHAVIOR WE LET

$$\lambda = \log \rho \text{ AND } W = \rho^\beta V, \text{ THIS YIELDS}$$

$$\rho^{\beta-2} V'' + (2\beta-1) \rho^{\beta-2} V' + \beta(\beta-1) \rho^{\beta-2} V + \rho^{\beta-2} V' + \beta \rho^{\beta-2} V = \frac{\rho^{\mu-2\beta}}{V^2}$$

$$\text{CHOOSE } \beta-2 = \mu-2\beta \rightarrow \beta = (\mu+2)/3.$$

$$V'' + \frac{2(\mu+2)}{3} V' + \frac{(\mu+2)^2}{9} V = \frac{1}{V^2}$$

$$\text{EQUILIBRIUM } V_e = \left(\frac{9}{(\mu+2)^2} \right)^{1/3}.$$

NOW IF WE SUBSTITUTE $V = V_e + e^{\lambda} A$ WE GET

$$\lambda^2 + \frac{2(\mu+2)}{3} \lambda + \left(\frac{(\mu+2)^2}{9} + \frac{2}{V_e^3} \right) = 0$$

OR

$$\lambda^2 + \frac{2(\mu+2)}{3} \lambda + \left(\frac{(\mu+2)^2}{9} + \frac{2(\mu+2)^2}{9} \right) = 0$$

THU YIELD

$$\lambda^2 + \frac{2(\mu+2)}{3} \lambda + \frac{(\mu+2)^2}{3} = 0.$$

WE GET EITHER NEGATIVE OR COMPLEX CONJUGATE ROOTS WITH NEGATIVE REAL PART.

$$\lambda = -\frac{(\mu+2)}{3} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{4(\mu+2)^2}{9} - \frac{4(\mu+2)^2}{3}} = -\frac{(\mu+2)}{3} \pm \frac{i\sqrt{2}}{3} (\mu+2)$$

THU

$$V \sim \left(\frac{q}{(2+\mu)^2} \right)^{1/3} + A e^{-\frac{(\mu+2)}{3} \lambda} \cos \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} (\mu+2) \lambda + \phi_0 \right)$$

NOW IN TERMS OF W WE HAVE

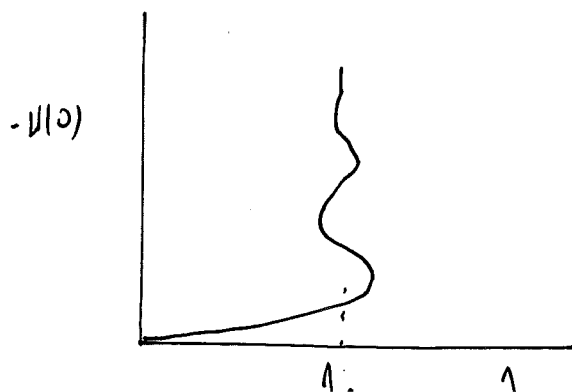
$$W \sim p^{(\mu+2)/3} \left(\frac{q}{(2+\mu)^2} \right)^{1/3} + A \cos \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3} (\mu+2) \log p + \phi_0 \right)$$

NOW

$$\lambda = \frac{\gamma^{2+\mu}}{(W(\gamma))^3}, \quad |W(\gamma)| = 1 - \frac{1}{W(\gamma)}$$

THU

$$\lambda \sim \lambda_\infty = \frac{(\mu+2)^2}{9} \quad \text{As } \gamma \rightarrow \infty.$$



LET $\Phi_0(x) > 0$ AND μ_0 BE FIRST EIGENPAIR OF LAPLACIAN, I.E.

$$\Delta \Phi_0 + \mu_0 \Phi_0 = 0 \text{ IN } \Omega$$

$$\Phi_0 = 0 \text{ ON } \partial\Omega$$

WHICH WE NORMALIZE AS $\int_{\Omega} \Phi_0 dx = 1$.

WE FIRST STATE AND PROVE JENJEN'S INEQUALITY:

LEMMA (JENJEN'S INEQUALITY) LET $\Phi_0(x) \geq 0$ IN Ω WITH $\int_{\Omega} \Phi_0 dx = 1$.

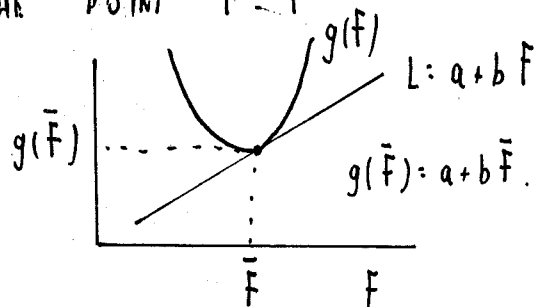
ASSUME THAT $g(u)$ IS CONVEX $\forall u$. DEFINE $\bar{F} = \int_{\Omega} f \Phi_0 dx$. THEN

$$g\left(\int_{\Omega} \Phi_0 f dx\right) \leq \int_{\Omega} \Phi_0 g(f) dx.$$

$\leftarrow \bar{F} \rightarrow$

PROOF LET $L = a + bf$ BE THE STRAIGHT LINE TANGENT TO $g(f)$

AT THE POINT $f = \bar{F}$



THEN BY CONVEXITY

$$g(f) \geq a + bf, \forall f.$$

NOW MULTIPLY BY $\Phi_0(x) > 0$ IN Ω AND INTEGRATE

$$\int_{\Omega} g(f) \Phi_0 dx \geq \int_{\Omega} [a + bf] \Phi_0(x) dx \geq a \int_{\Omega} \Phi_0(x) dx + b \int_{\Omega} f \Phi_0 dx$$

$\xleftarrow{\int_{\Omega} \Phi_0 = 1} \quad \xleftarrow{\int_{\Omega} f \Phi_0 = \bar{F}} \rightarrow$

THU $\int_{\Omega} g(f) \Phi_0 dx \geq a + b\bar{F} = g(\bar{F}).$

THEN WE HAVE $g(\bar{F}) \leq \int_{\Omega} g(f) \Phi_0 dx$

$\rightarrow$ THIS MEANS

$$g\left(\int_{\Omega} \Phi_0 f dx\right) \leq \int_{\Omega} g(f) \Phi_0 dx \quad \square.$$

WE WILL USE THU AS

$$\int_{\Omega} g(f) \Phi_0 dx \geq g\left(\int_{\Omega} \Phi_0 f dx\right)$$

NOW CONSIDER THE PDE

(MII)

$$\Delta u = \frac{\lambda}{(1+u)^2}, \quad x \in \Omega$$

$$u = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega$$

AND ASSUME FOR SIMPLICITY THAT $u = 0$ AT $t = 0$.

PROPOSITION SUPPOSE THAT $\lambda > \frac{4\mu_0}{27}$. THEN u REACHES -1 AT A

FINITE TIME (I.E. THE TOP PLATE COLLAPSES ONTO BOTTOM PLATE IN FINITE TIME).

PROOF DEFINE $E(t) = \int_{\Omega} u \Phi_0 dx$. NOTICE THAT $E(0) = 0$.

THEN, MULTIPLY PDE BY Φ_0 AND INTEGRATE:

$$\Phi_0 u_t = \Phi_0 \Delta u - \frac{\lambda \Phi_0}{(1+u)^2}. \quad \text{DEFINE } g(u) = \frac{1}{(1+u)^2} \text{ so } g''(u) = \frac{6}{(1+u)^4} > 0.$$

CONVEX

$$\begin{aligned} \text{WE GET } \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \Phi_0 u dx &= \int_{\Omega} \Phi_0 \Delta u dx - \lambda \int_{\Omega} g(u) \Phi_0 dx \\ &= + \int_{\Omega} u \Delta \Phi_0 dx - \lambda \int_{\Omega} g(u) \Phi_0 dx \\ &= + \int_{\Omega} u \mu_0 \Phi_0 dx - \lambda \int_{\Omega} g(u) \Phi_0 dx. \end{aligned}$$

THEREFORE, $E(t) = \int_{\Omega} \Phi_0 u dx$. THEN, BY JENSEN,

$$(*) \left\{ \begin{aligned} \frac{dE}{dt} + \mu_0 E &= -\lambda \int_{\Omega} g(u) \Phi_0 dx \leq -\lambda g(E) = -\frac{\lambda}{(1+E)^2} \\ E(0) &= 0. \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\text{NOW } E(t) = \int_{\Omega} \Phi_0 u dx \geq (\inf_{\Omega} u) \int_{\Omega} \Phi_0 dx = (\inf_{\Omega} u).$$

NOW WE HAVE THE PROBLEM

$$(*) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dE}{dt} + \mu_0 E \leq - \frac{\lambda}{(1+E)^2} \\ \text{WITH } E(0) = 0 \text{ AND } E(t) \geq \inf_{\Omega} u. \end{array} \right.$$

NOW DEFINE $F(t)$ TO BE THE SOLUTION TO THE ODE

$$(+)\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dF}{dt} + \mu_0 F = - \frac{\lambda}{(1+F)^2} \\ \text{WITH } F(0) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

BY STANDARD COMPARISON PRINCIPLE $E(t) \leq F(t)$ FOR ALL t .

[PROOF] DEFINE $V = F - E$. THEN

$$\frac{dV}{dt} + \mu_0 V \geq - \frac{\lambda}{(1+F)^2} + \frac{\lambda}{(1+E)^2} = \frac{\lambda [(1+F)^2 - (1+E)^2]}{(1+E)^2 (1+F)^2} = \frac{\lambda [2(F-E) + (F-E)/(F+E)]}{(1+E)^2 (1+F)^2}$$

$$\text{OR } \frac{dV}{dt} + \mu_0 V \geq \lambda V h(t) \quad \text{WITH } h(t) = \frac{\lambda [2 + (F+E)]}{(1+E)^2 (1+F)^2} \geq 0.$$

$$\text{NOW } (e^{\mu_0 t} V)' \geq \lambda V e^{\mu_0 t} h(t) \quad \text{WITH } V(0) = 0.$$

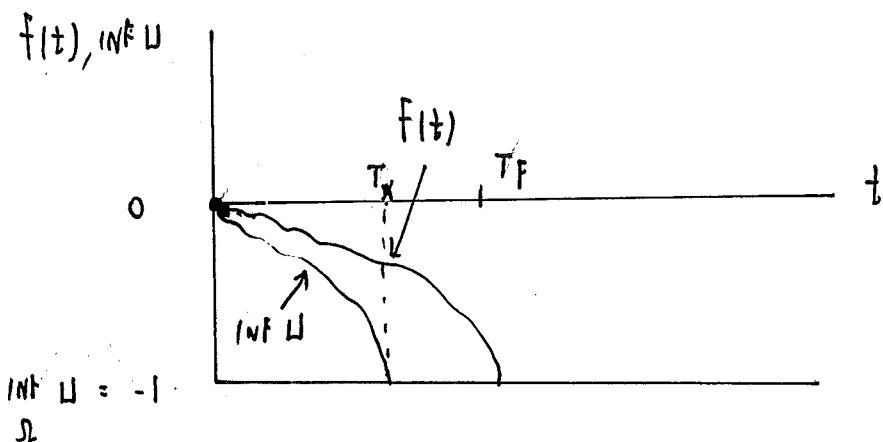
$$\text{THU } e^{\mu_0 t} V \geq \lambda \int_0^t V(\tau) h(\tau) e^{\mu_0 \tau} d\tau > 0.$$

THIS SHOWS THAT WITH $E(t) \geq \inf_{\Omega} u$ AND $E(t) \leq F(t)$ THAT

$$F(t) \geq \inf_{\Omega} u.$$

NOW IF WE CAN SHOW THAT $F(t)$ REACHES -1 IN FINITE TIME

THEN SO WILL $\inf u$



HENCE IF f HAS A "TOUCHDOWN" TIME T_F , THEN THE TOUCHDOWN TIME FOR u IS AT T_X WHERE $T_X \leq T_F$.

NOW WE FIND RANGE OF λ FOR WHICH $\exists T_F$.

WE SEPARATE VARIABLES IN (†) TO GET

$$\frac{df}{\mu_0 f + \lambda / (1+f)^2} = - dt. \quad \rightarrow \quad t = - \int_0^f \frac{ds}{(\mu_0 s + \lambda / (1+s)^2)}$$

INTEGRATING WITH $f(0) = 0$ WE GET SETTING $f(T_F) = -1$ THAT

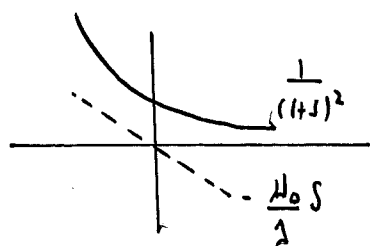
$$T_F = \int_{-1}^0 \frac{ds}{(\mu_0 s + \lambda / (1+s)^2)}$$

IF THIS INTEGRAL IS FINITE, THEN THE TOUCHDOWN TIME T_X FOR u SATISFIES

$$T_X \leq \int_{-1}^0 \frac{ds}{(\mu_0 s + \lambda / (1+s)^2)}$$

THIS INTEGRAL IS FINITE IFF THE DENOMINATOR NEVER VANISHES.

NOW



THE INTEGRAL IS FINITE IFF $\frac{1}{(1+s)^2} \geq -\frac{\mu_0 s}{\lambda}$ ON $s \geq -1$

THIS IS THE TANGENCY ARGUMENT BEFORE, SO

$$\lambda > \lambda_* = \frac{4}{27} \mu_0 \quad \text{AND} \quad T_X \leq \int_{-1}^0 \frac{ds}{\mu_0 s + \lambda / (1+s)^2}$$

IN CONCLUSION, WHEN $\lambda > \lambda_*$ WHERE WE CAN GUARANTEE NO STEADY-
STATE SOLUTIONS, IT FOLLOWS THAT THE SOLUTION TO

$$u_t = \Delta u - \frac{\lambda}{(1+u)^2} \quad \text{IN } \Omega$$

$$u = 0 \quad \text{ON } \partial\Omega; \quad u = 0 \quad \text{AT } t = 0$$

IS SUCH THAT $\inf_{\Omega} u = -1 \rightarrow \text{SINGULARITY IN FINITE-TIME (QUENCHING!).}$

LINEAR STABILITY ANALYSIS

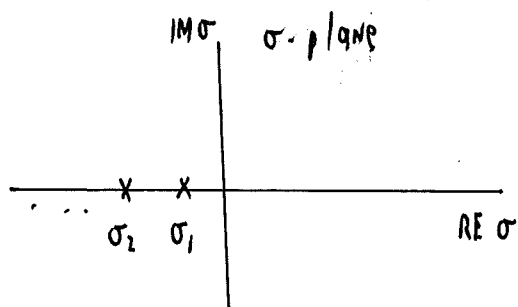
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WE BEGIN BY WRITING $u_t = \Delta u - \lambda f(u)$ IN Ω . LET u BE steady-state solution

so that $\Delta u = \lambda f(u)$, $x \in \Omega$ $f(u) = \frac{1}{(1+u)^2}$
 WITH $u = 0$ ON $\partial\Omega$.

THE LINEARIZATION YIELDS $\Delta \Phi = \lambda f'(u) \Phi + \sigma \Phi$ IN Ω
 $\Phi = 0$ ON $\partial\Omega$.

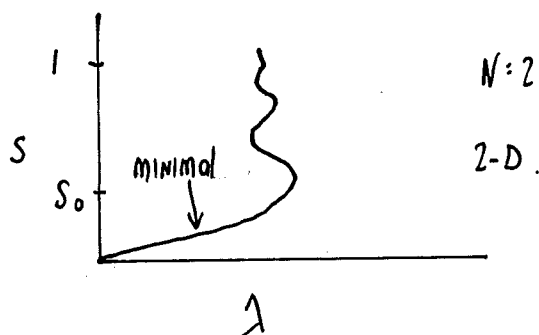
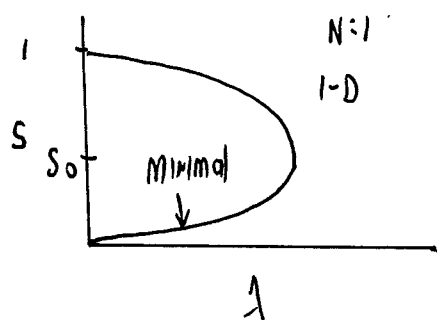
WE HAVE THAT σ_j, Φ_j FOR $j=1,2,\dots$ ARE REAL WITH $j=1,2,\dots$. FOR LINEAR STABILITY WE MUST SHOW THAT $\sigma_1 < 0$ SO THAT



NOW CONSIDER FOR SIMPLICITY A BALL DOMAIN IN $\mathbb{R}^N$ SO THAT

$$\Delta u = u_{rr} + \frac{(N-1)}{r} u_r \quad \text{WITH EITHER } N=1 \text{ OR } N=2.$$

LABEL $u(0) = -S$ SO THAT $0 < S < 1$. WE HAVE SHOWN THAT



THE MINIMAL BRANCH IS THE ONE FOR WHICH $d\lambda/ds > 0$ ON $0 \leq S < S_0$.

NOTICE THAT AT THE SIMPLE FOLD POINT WE HAVE $\lambda'(S_0) = 0$

WITH $\lambda'(S) < 0$ FOR $S > S_0$ (SMALL) AND $\lambda'(S) > 0$ FOR $S < S_0$ (SMALL).

THE PROBLEM FOR $u(r, S)$ IS

$$(*) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_{rr} + \frac{(N-1)}{r} u_r = \frac{\lambda}{(1+u)^2} \quad \text{IN } 0 < r < 1 \\ u(0, S) = -S, \quad u_r(0, S) = 0, \quad u(1, S) = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

THIS YIELDS THE SOLUTION $W(\Gamma, S)$ AND $\lambda(S)$.

(M16)

WE NOW LABEL $\Delta_N W = W_{\Gamma\Gamma} + \frac{(N-1)}{\Gamma} W_{\Gamma} = \Gamma^{1-N} [\Gamma^{N-1} W_{\Gamma}]_{\Gamma} = \frac{\lambda}{(1+W)^2}$

WE DIFFERENTIATE WRT S TO OBTAIN

$$\Delta_N W_S - \lambda f'(W) W_S = \lambda_S f(W) \quad \text{WITH} \quad f(W) = \frac{1}{(1+W)^2}, \quad f'(W) = -\frac{2}{(1+W)^3}.$$

$$W_S(0; S) = -1, \quad W_{S\Gamma}(0; S) = 0, \quad W_S(1; S) = 0.$$

NOW WE CONSIDER THE EIGENVALUE PROBLEM

$$(+)\quad \begin{cases} \Delta_N \Phi - \lambda f'(W) \Phi = \sigma \Phi. \\ \Phi_{\Gamma} = 0 \text{ AT } \Gamma = 0; \quad \Phi = 0 \text{ AT } \Gamma = 1. \end{cases}$$

WE THEN USE LAGRANGE TO OBTAIN

$$\int_{\Omega} \Phi (\Delta_N W_S - \lambda f'(W) W_S) - W_S (\Delta_N \Phi - \lambda f'(W) \Phi) d\mathbf{x} = \int_{\partial\Omega} (\Phi \partial_n W_S - W_S \partial_n \Phi) d\mathbf{x} = 0.$$

THIS YIELDS THAT

$$\int_{\Omega} \Phi \lambda_S f(W) d\mathbf{x} = \sigma \int_{\Omega} W_S \Phi d\mathbf{x}$$

WE CONCLUDE THAT

$$\sigma \int_{\Omega} W_S \Phi d\mathbf{x} = \lambda_S \int_{\Omega} \Phi f(W) d\mathbf{x} \quad (*)$$

WHERE $f(W) = \frac{1}{(1+W)^2}$. THEREFORE, AT A FOLD POINT $\lambda_S = 0$ WE HAVE

THAT THE LINEARIZED PROBLEM (+) HAS A ZERO EIGENVALUE. WE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING:

(i) SUPPOSE THAT $W_S < 0$ ON $0 \leq \Gamma \leq 1$. THEN APPLYING (*) WITH $\Phi = \Phi_1 > 0$

WE CONCLUDE THAT $\sigma_1 < 0$ IF $\lambda_S > 0 \rightarrow$ stable

$\sigma_1 > 0$ IF $\lambda_S < 0 \rightarrow$ unstable.

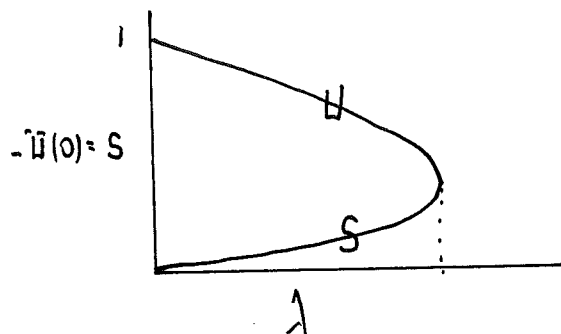
(ii) FROM THE PDE CAN WE INFER ANYTHING ABOUT W_S ?

(iii) IF $W_S < 0$ ON $0 \leq \Gamma \leq 1$ THEN $\Phi_1 = -W_S > 0$ ON $0 < \Gamma < 1$

AND THE FOLD POINT IS DUE TO EXCHANGE OF STABILITY.

IN 1-D IF $\bar{U}_S < 0$ ON $0 \leq \Gamma \leq 1$ WE HAVE

(M17)



• JUST BECAUSE $\lambda_S = 0$ DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE PRINCIPAL EIGENVALUE

HAS CROSSED THROUGH ZERO, SINCE $\bar{U}_S$ MAY CHANGE SIGN. IT IS

HOWEVER DIFFICULT TO FIND WHETHER $\bar{U}_S(\Gamma)$ IS OF ONE SIGN IN GENERAL.

1-D PROBLEM (X) BECOMES ON $0 < x < 1/2$

$$\sigma \int_0^{1/2} U_f \Phi dx = \lambda_S \int_0^{1/2} \Phi f(U) dx$$

THE PROBLEM FOR $\bar{U}$ IS $\bar{U}_{xx} = \frac{\lambda}{(1+U)^2}$ $\bar{U}(0) = -S$, $\bar{U}_x(0) = 0$, $\bar{U}(1/2) = 0$.

INTEGRATING ONCE $\frac{\bar{U}_x^2}{2} = -\frac{\lambda}{1+U} + \frac{\lambda}{1-S} = \frac{(\bar{U}+S)\lambda}{(1+U)(1-S)}$

NOW $\bar{U}_x = \sqrt{2\lambda} \left(\frac{\bar{U}+S}{(1+U)(1-S)} \right)^{1/2}$

$$\rightarrow \frac{(1+U)^{1/2} dU}{(\bar{U}+S)^{1/2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2\lambda}}{\sqrt{1-S}} dx.$$

NOW INTEGRATING $\int_{-S}^{\bar{U}} \frac{(1+U)^{1/2}}{(\lambda+S)^{1/2}} d\lambda = \sqrt{\frac{2\lambda}{1-S}} x$

LET $\lambda + S = t^2$. THEN $(\lambda+S)^{1/2} = t$ AND $d\lambda = 2t dt$.

THEN $\frac{d\lambda}{(\lambda+S)^{1/2}} = 2$ AND $2 \int_0^{\sqrt{\bar{U}+S}} \sqrt{1-S+t^2} dt = \frac{\sqrt{2\lambda}}{\sqrt{1-S}} x.$

NOW THIS YIELDS

$$x \sqrt{\lambda} = \sqrt{2} \sqrt{1-S} \int_0^{\sqrt{\bar{U}+S}} \sqrt{1-S+t^2} dt.$$

NOW LET $t = (1-s)^{1/2} \lambda$. $dt = (1-s)^{1/2} d\lambda$.

THEN
$$x\sqrt{\lambda} = \sqrt{2(1-s)} \int_0^{\sqrt{\frac{u+s}{1-s}}} (1-s) \sqrt{1+\lambda^2} d\lambda.$$

WE CONCLUDE THAT

$$x\sqrt{\lambda} = \sqrt{2} (1-s)^{3/2} \int_0^{\eta(u,s)} \sqrt{1+\lambda^2} d\lambda$$

WITH
$$\eta(u,s) = \left(\frac{u+s}{1-s} \right)^{1/2} = \left(-1 + \frac{(u+1)}{(1-s)} \right)^{1/2}$$

NOW WHEN $x = \frac{1}{2}$, $u = 0$ SO THAT
$$\sqrt{\lambda} = 2\sqrt{2} (1-s)^{3/2} \int_0^{\sqrt{\frac{s}{1-s}}} \sqrt{1+\lambda^2} d\lambda.$$

DEFINE λ AS A FUNCTION OF s .

NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH THE SIGN OF u_s ON $0 < x < \frac{1}{2}$.

WE CALCULATE
$$\frac{1}{2} x \lambda^{-1/2} \lambda_s = -\frac{3}{2} \sqrt{2} (1-s)^{1/2} \int_0^{\eta} \sqrt{1+\lambda^2} d\lambda + \sqrt{2} (1-s)^{3/2} \sqrt{1+u^2} u_s.$$

THUS
$$x \lambda^{-1/2} \lambda_s + \sqrt{2} (1-s)^{1/2} \int_0^{\eta} \sqrt{1+\lambda^2} d\lambda = \sqrt{2} (1-s)^{3/2} \sqrt{1+u^2} u_s.$$

THIS YIELDS
$$u_s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} (1-s)^{3/2} \sqrt{1+u^2}} \left[x \frac{\lambda_s}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \sqrt{2} (1-s)^{1/2} \int_0^{\eta} \sqrt{1+\lambda^2} d\lambda \right].$$

NOW
$$2 u u_s = u_s (1-s)^{-1} + (u+1) (1-s)^{-2}$$

SO
$$u_s (1-s)^{-1} + (u+1) (1-s)^{-2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2} u (1-s)^{3/2} \sqrt{1+u^2}} \left[x \frac{\lambda_s}{\sqrt{\lambda}} + \sqrt{2} (1-s)^{1/2} \int_0^{\eta} \sqrt{1+\lambda^2} d\lambda \right].$$

WE WOULD LIKE TO CLAIM THAT $u_s < 0$ ON THIS BRANCH.

NOW FROM (*) WE DEVELOP A FORMULA TO HOLD AT ANY FOLD POINT WHERE $\lambda_s = 0$ BUT $\lambda_{ss} \neq 0$. WE DIFFERENTIATE (*) WRT s AND EVALUATE AT $s = s_0$ WHERE $\sigma = 0$ AND $\lambda_s = 0$. AT FOLD POINT WE HAVE $\Phi = \bar{u}_s$

DIFFERENTIATING USING PRODUCT RULE

$$\sigma' \int_{\Omega} \bar{u}_s \Phi \, dx + \sigma \frac{d}{ds} \int_{\Omega} \bar{u}_s \Phi \, dx = \lambda_{ss} \int_{\Omega} \Phi f(u) \, dx + \lambda_s \frac{d}{ds} \left(\int_{\Omega} \Phi f(u) \, dx \right)$$

EVALUATE AT $s = s_0$ WHERE $\Phi = \bar{u}_s$ AND $\lambda_s = \sigma = 0$ WE GET

$$\sigma'(s_0) \int_{\Omega} (\bar{u}_s)^2 \, dx = \lambda_{ss}(s_0) \int_{\Omega} \bar{u}_s f(u) \, dx \quad (+)$$

REMARK WE CAN OBTAIN (+) BY USING SOLVABILITY CONDITIONS.

WE HAVE $\Delta \Phi_s - \lambda f'(u) \Phi_s = \lambda_s f'(u) \Phi + \lambda f''(u) \bar{u}_s \Phi + \sigma \Phi_s + \sigma' \Phi$

NOW AT $s = s_0 \rightarrow \Delta \Phi_s - \lambda f'(u) \Phi_s = \lambda f''(u) \bar{u}_s^2 + \sigma' \bar{u}_s$ SINCE $\Phi = \bar{u}_s = \psi$.

SOLVABILITY YIELDS $\lambda \int_{\Omega} f''(u) \bar{u}_s^3 \, dx = -\sigma' \int_{\Omega} \bar{u}_s^2 \, dx. \quad (1)$

NOW $\Delta \psi - \lambda f'(u) \psi = \lambda_s f(u)$ WITH $\psi = \bar{u}_s$.

DIFFERENTIATE WRT $s \rightarrow \Delta \psi_s - \lambda f'(u) \psi_s = \lambda_s f'(u) \psi + \lambda f''(u) \bar{u}_s \psi + \lambda f(u) + \lambda_s f'(u) \bar{u}_s.$

AT $s = s_0$, WE HAVE

$$\Delta \psi_s - \lambda f'(u) \psi_s = \lambda f''(u) \bar{u}_s^2 + \lambda_s f(u)$$

SOLVABILITY YIELDS $\lambda \int_{\Omega} f''(u) \bar{u}_s^3 \, dx = -\lambda_{ss} \int_{\Omega} f(u) \bar{u}_s \, dx \quad (2)$

NOW COMBINING, WE OBTAIN FROM (1) AND (2), THAT

$$\lambda_{ss} \int_{\Omega} f(u) \bar{u}_s \, dx = \sigma' \int_{\Omega} (\bar{u}_s)^2 \, dx.$$

WE WANT TO FIND THE SIGN OF σ' . THIS IS SAME AS (+).

NOW WE WRITE

$$\lambda_{ss} \frac{d}{ds} \left(\int_{\Omega} \hat{f}(u) dx \right) = -\sigma' \int_{\Omega} (u_s)^2 dx$$

(M20)

WHERE

$$\hat{f}(u) = - \int^u f(\eta) d\eta = - \int^u \left(\frac{1}{(1+\eta)^2} \right) d\eta = \frac{1}{1+u}. \quad (3)$$

THUS,

$$\lambda_{ss} \frac{d}{ds} \left(\int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{(1+u)} dx \right) = -\sigma' \int_{\Omega} (u_s)^2 dx \quad \text{AT } s = s_0. \quad (4)$$

THIS IS A KEY FORMULA WHICH WE USE AS FOLLOWS:

NOW OUR PDE IS THE EULER-LAGRANGE EQUATION OF THE FUNCTIONAL $I(u, \lambda)$ DEFINED BY

$$I(u, \lambda) = \int_{\Omega} \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{2} |\nabla u|^2 - \frac{\lambda}{1+u} \right)}_{G(u, \nabla u)} dx.$$

THE E-L EQUATION IS $G_u - \frac{d}{dx} G_{u_x} - \frac{d}{dy} G_{u_y} = 0.$ $G_{u_x} = u_x, G_{u_y} = u_y$
 $G_u = \frac{\lambda}{(1+u)^2}$

SO WE OBTAIN THAT u SATISFIES

$$\frac{\lambda}{(1+u)^2} = u_{xx} + u_{yy}.$$

NOW $-I_{\lambda} = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{(1+u)} dx$ EVALUATED ON SOLUTION BRANCH.

THU INTRODUCTION A VARIABLE s BY $s = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{(1+u)} dx.$

WHERE $\Delta u = \frac{\lambda}{(1+u)^2}, \quad u = 0 \text{ ON } \partial\Omega.$

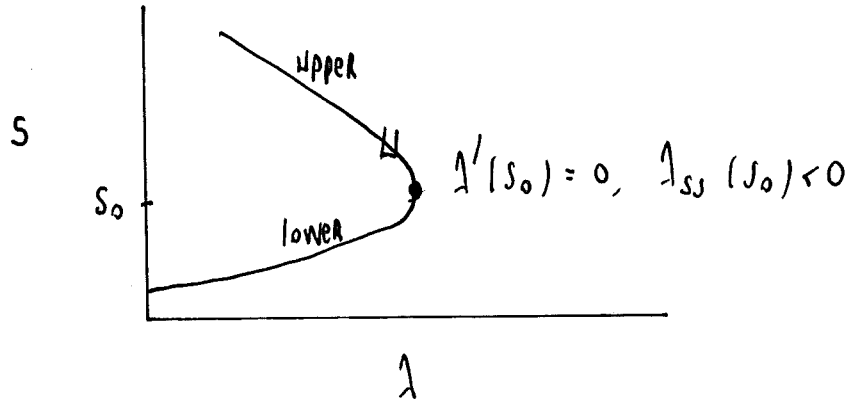
THEN (4) BECOMES $\lambda_{ss} = -\sigma' \int_{\Omega} (u_s)^2 dx. \quad (5)$

THE IDEA THEN IS TO PLOT THE "PREFERRED" - BIFURCATION DIAGRAM

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OF $S \equiv \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{(1+U)} dx$ VERSUS λ .

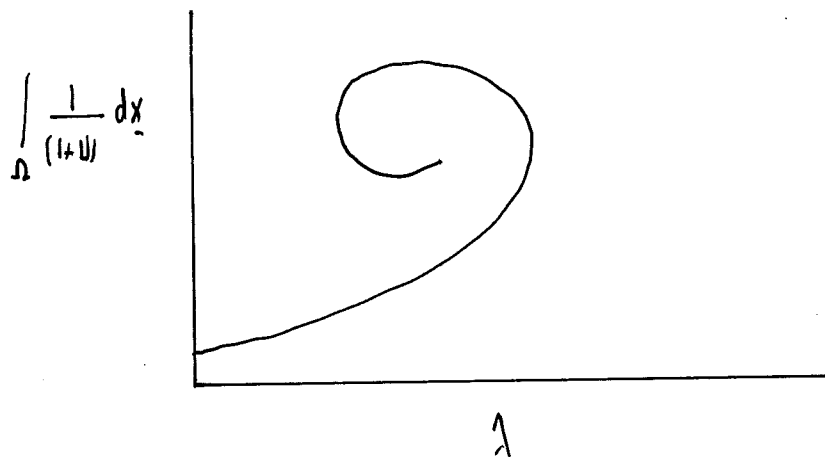
SUPPOSE WE GET A PICTURE AS SHOWN



USING (5) WE CAN OBTAIN THAT $\sigma'(S_0) > 0$ SO $\sigma > 0$ IF $S > S_0$ (locally), $\sigma < 0$ IF $S < S_0$ locally.

CONCLUSION ON UPPER BRANCH WE HAVE THAT LINEARIZATION HAS AN UNSTABLE EIGENVALUE SINCE $\sigma'(S_0) > 0 \rightarrow \sigma > 0$ FOR $0 < S - S_0 \ll 1$.

IN OTHER CASES WE PERHAPS HAVE TO TAKE A DIFFERENT PARAMETRIZATION, AND NOT $S = \int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{(1+U)} dx$ AS THE CURVE CAN BE AS SHOWN



WE WILL NOW IMPLEMENT THIS FOR THE RADIALY SYMMETRIC MEMS PDE WHERE WE CAN USE THE SCALE INVARIANCE TECHNIQUE TO COMPUTE $\int_{\Omega} \frac{1}{(1+U)} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{r}{(1+U(r))} dr$ VERSUS λ .

WE NOW CONSIDER THE STEADY-STATE PROBLEM

$$W'' + \frac{1}{r} W' = \frac{\lambda}{(1+W)^2}, \quad W'(0) = 0, \quad W(1) = 1.$$

WE WANT TO PLOT $I = \int_0^1 \frac{r}{(1+W)} dr$ VERSUS λ . THIS DIAGRAM HAS STABILITY

"PREFERRED"

INFORMATION. RECALL OUR SCALE INVARIANCE TECHNIQUE:

$$W(r) = -1 + \alpha w(\gamma r).$$

THEN WITH $\alpha = 1/w(\gamma)$ WE GET

$$\lambda = \gamma^2 / [w(\gamma)]^3, \quad -W(0) = 1 - 1/w(\gamma), \quad \text{WHERE} \quad w'' + \frac{1}{p} w' = \frac{1}{w^2} \quad \text{WITH} \quad w(0)=1, \quad w'(0)=0.$$

$$\text{NOW WE CALCULATE} \quad I = \int_0^\gamma \frac{(p/\gamma)(1/\gamma) dp}{\alpha [w(p)]^2} = \frac{w(\gamma)}{\gamma^2} \int_0^\gamma \frac{p}{w(p)} dp \equiv \frac{w(\gamma)}{\gamma^2} J[\gamma].$$

NUMERICAL IMPLEMENTATION

$$\text{DEFINE} \quad w_1 = w, \quad w_2 = w', \quad J' = p/w_1$$

THEN WE HAVE THE FIRST ORDER SYSTEM

$$w_1' = w_2 \quad \text{WITH} \quad w_1(0) = 1$$

$$w_2' = -\frac{1}{p} w_2 + \frac{1}{w_1^2} \quad w_2(0) = 0$$

$$J' = p/w_1(p) \quad J(0) = 0$$

THEN WE OUTPUT AT "TIME" $p = \gamma$

$$\lambda = \frac{\gamma^2}{[w(\gamma)]^3}, \quad I = \frac{w(\gamma)}{\gamma^2} J(\gamma).$$

REMARK TO AVOID THE SINGULARITY NEAR $p=0$ WE USE $w \sim 1 + p^2/4$, $w' \sim p/2$,

$J \sim p^2/2$. FOR $p \ll 1$. SET $p = \varepsilon = 10^{-5}$ AND PUT

$$w_1(\varepsilon) = 1 + \varepsilon^2/4$$

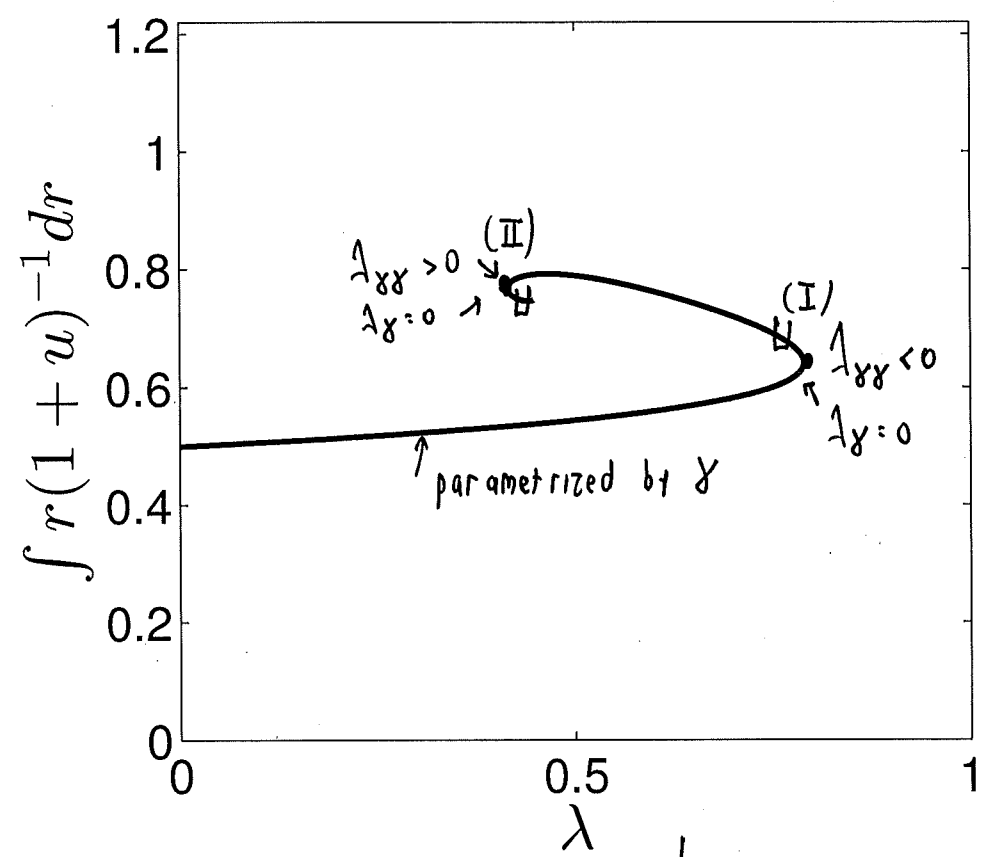
$$w_2(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon/2$$

$$J(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon^2/2$$

AS THE INITIAL CONDITIONS.

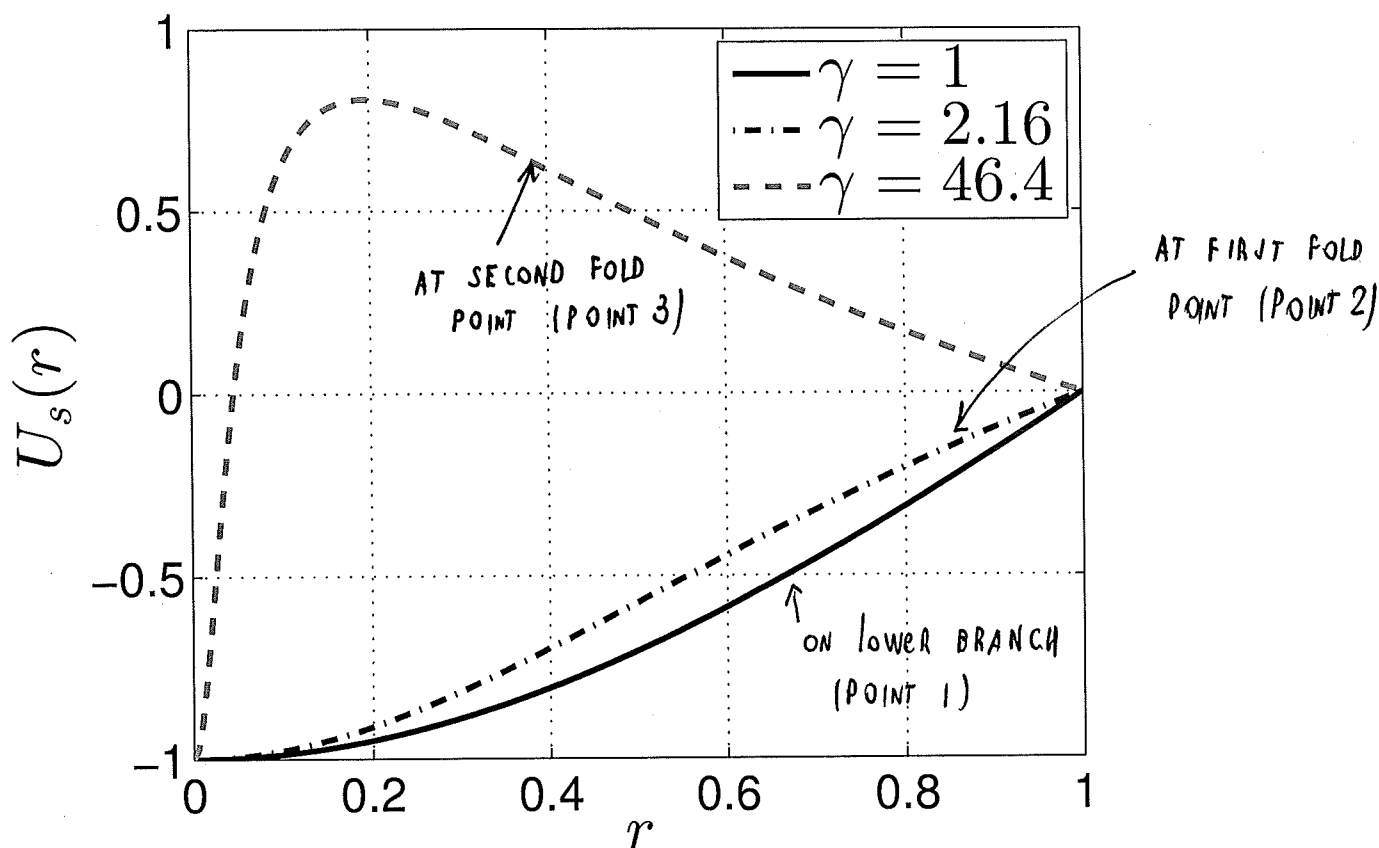
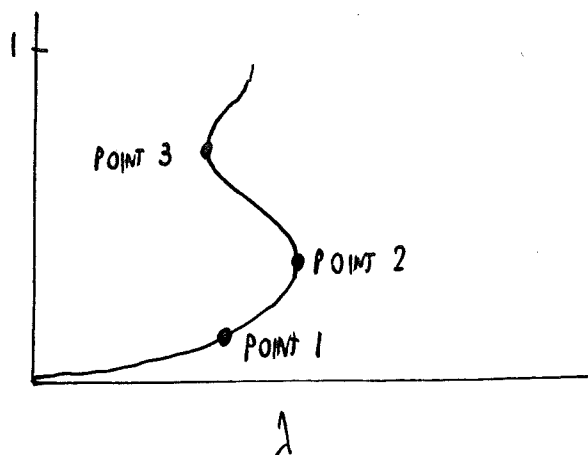
WE THEN PLOT $\bar{I} = \int_0^1 \frac{r}{(1+u)} dr$ VERSUS λ AND OBTAIN THE PLOT AS SHOWN BELOW. RECALL THAT IN TERMS OF A "PARAMETRIZATION" S , WE HAVE $\lambda_{SS} \frac{d}{dS} \left(\int_0^1 \frac{r}{(1+u)} dr \right) = -\sigma' \int_0^1 (u_S)^2 r dr. (*)$

WE CAN CHOOSE $S = \gamma$ FROM THE SCALE INVARIANCE ODE SYSTEM:



- AT POINT (I) WE HAVE $\lambda_{\gamma\gamma} < 0$ AND $\frac{d}{d\gamma} \left(\int_0^1 \frac{r}{(1+u)} dr \right) > 0$ SO $\sigma' > 0$
THU) SLIGHT ABOVE FOLD POINT WE HAVE INSTABILITY SINCE $\exists \sigma > 0$.
- AT POINT (II) WE HAVE $\lambda_{\gamma\gamma} > 0$ AND $\frac{d}{d\gamma} \left(\int_0^1 \frac{r}{(1+u)} dr \right) < 0$ SO $\sigma' > 0$
AND SO ON OTHER BRANCH SLIGHTLY BELOW THE FOLD
WE HAVE $\sigma > 0 \rightarrow$ UNSTABLE.

$$S \equiv -U(0)$$



RECALL THAT
$$\sigma \int_{\Omega} \bar{U}_S \Phi \, dx = \lambda_S \int_{\Omega} \Phi f(u) \, dx$$

$$\Delta \Phi - \lambda f'(u) \Phi = \sigma \Phi$$

SO IN POLAR COORDINATES IF Ω IS UNIT DISK WE HAVE

$$\sigma \int_0^1 \bar{U}_S \bar{\Phi} r \, dr = \lambda_S \int_0^1 \bar{\Phi} f(u) r \, dr. \quad \text{WHEN } \lambda_S = 0, \quad \bar{\Phi} = \bar{U}_S.$$

AND $\bar{\Phi}_1 = \bar{U}_S$

- WE CONCLUDE ON LOWER BRANCH WHERE $\lambda_S > 0$ THAT SINCE $\bar{U}_S \leq 0 \rightarrow \sigma_1 < 0$.
- AT FIRST FOLD POINT, THE PRINCIPAL EIGENVALUE CROSSES THROUGH ZERO
- AT SECOND FOLD POINT THE SECOND EIGENVALUE CROSSES THROUGH ZERO.
- THIS IS BECAUSE $\bar{U}_1$ HAS ONE ZERO CROSSING $\rightarrow \bar{\Phi}_2 = \bar{U}_S$

NOW WE DEVISE A NUMERICAL APPROACH TO CALCULATE $\bar{U}_S(r)$

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WHEN $\bar{U}(0) = -S$.

WE RECALL $\bar{U}(0) = -1 + \frac{1}{w(\lambda)}$ SO $1-S = \frac{1}{w(\lambda)}$ OR $w(\lambda) = (1-S)^{-1}$.

NOW $\bar{U}(r) = -1 + w(\lambda r) (1-S)$ AND $\lambda = \lambda^2 (1-S)^3$.

WE NOW CALCULATE $w'(\lambda) \lambda_S = (1-S)^{-2}$ SO $\lambda_S = \frac{(1-S)^{-2}}{w'(\lambda)} = \frac{[w(\lambda)]^2}{w'(\lambda)}$.

WE OBTAIN THAT $\bar{U}_S = w'(\lambda r) r \lambda_S (1-S) = w(\lambda r)$

SUBSTITUTING WE OBTAIN

$$\bar{U}_S(r) = \frac{w(\lambda) r w'(\lambda r)}{w'(\lambda)} - w(\lambda r), \text{ ON } 0 < r < 1.$$

$$\lambda_S = -3(1-S)^2 \lambda^2 + 2\lambda \lambda_S (1-S)^3 = \lambda (1-S)^2 [2\lambda_S (1-S) - 3\lambda].$$

$$\text{SO } \lambda_S = \lambda (1-S)^2 \left[2(1-S) \frac{(w(\lambda))^2}{w'(\lambda)} - 3\lambda \right] \quad (2)$$

WE WANT TO SHOW THAT $\bar{U}_S(r) < 0$ ON $0 < r < 1$. NOW WE ELIMINATE $(1-S)$ TO OBTAIN:

$$(*) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} \bar{U}_S(r) &= \frac{w(\lambda) r w'(\lambda r)}{w'(\lambda)} - w(\lambda r) \\ \lambda_S &= \frac{\lambda}{[w(\lambda)]^2} \left[\frac{2 w(\lambda)}{w'(\lambda)} - 3\lambda \right] \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\lambda = \frac{\lambda^2}{[w(\lambda)]^3}$$

$$S = 1 - 1/w(\lambda)$$

WE WANT TO PLOT λ_S AND $\bar{U}_S(r)$ ON $[0, 1]$.

WHAT IS THE LOCAL BEHAVIOR NEAR THE SINGULARITY FOR

$$u_t = u_{xx} - \frac{\lambda}{(1+u)^2} \quad u(\pm 1/2, t) = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = 0.$$

WE LET $W = 1 + u$ SO THAT

$$W_t = W_{xx} - \frac{\lambda}{W^2} \quad W = 1 \text{ ON } x = \pm 1/2 \\ W = 1 \text{ AT } t = 0.$$

NOW WE SCALE BY $W = L \hat{W}$, $x = X \hat{X}$, $t - T_x = \tau \hat{t}$ where T_x IS THE TOUCHDOWN TIME. THIS YIELDS THAT,

$$\frac{L}{\tau} \hat{W}_{\hat{t}} = \frac{L}{X^2} \hat{W}_{\hat{X}\hat{X}} - \frac{\lambda}{L^2 \hat{W}^2}.$$

TO BALANCE ALL OF THE TERMS $\rightarrow X = \tau^{1/2}$, $L = \tau^{1/3}$. THIS SUGGESTS THAT WE SHOULD LOOK FOR A QUASI-SIMILARITY SOLUTION OF THE FORM:

$$W(X, t) = (T_x - t)^{1/3} H\left[\frac{X}{\sqrt{T_x - t}}; S\right] \quad \text{where } S = -\log(T_x - t).$$

IN OTHER WORDS WE ASSUME THAT TOUCHDOWN OCCURS NEAR $X = 0$.

WE CALCULATE

$$W_{xx} = \gamma^{-2/3} H_{\Lambda\Lambda} \quad W_t = -\frac{1}{3} \gamma^{-2/3} H + \gamma^{1/3} \left[\frac{1}{2} X \gamma^{-3/2} H_{\Lambda} + \frac{H_S}{\gamma} \right] \quad \gamma = (T_x - t).$$

THEREFORE,

$$-\frac{1}{3} \gamma^{-2/3} H + \gamma^{-2/3} \left[\frac{\lambda}{2} H_{\Lambda} + H_S \right] = \gamma^{-2/3} H_{\Lambda\Lambda} - \lambda \gamma^{-2/3} H^{-2}.$$

THIS YIELDS THE FOLLOWING PDE FOR $H(\Lambda; S)$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H_S = H_{\Lambda\Lambda} - \frac{\lambda}{2} H_{\Lambda} + \frac{1}{3} H - \frac{\lambda}{H^2} \quad 0 \leq \Lambda < \infty, \quad 0 < S < \infty. \\ H_{\Lambda} = 0 \quad \text{ON } \Lambda = 0 \quad (\text{i.e. } H \text{ IS EVEN IN } X). \end{array} \right.$$

FOR A FIXED S , WE LOOK FOR THE ASYMPTOTIC BEHAVIOR

(T2)

AS $\Lambda \rightarrow +\infty$. WE SUBSTITUTE

$H \sim A \Lambda^p + \dots$ INTO THE EQUATION TO OBTAIN

$$p(p-1) A \Lambda^{p-2} - p \frac{A}{2} \Lambda^p + \frac{1}{3} A \Lambda^p - \frac{\Lambda}{A^3} \Lambda^{-2p} = 0.$$

THEREFORE, $p = 2/3$ AND $H \sim A \Lambda^{2/3}$ AS $\Lambda \rightarrow +\infty$. HOWEVER, WE NEED THE BEHAVIOR FOR FIXED Λ AS $S \rightarrow +\infty$.

NOW TO DETERMINE THE BEHAVIOR NEAR THE "BLOW-UP" TIME

WE LET $t \rightarrow T_x^-$ SO THAT $S \rightarrow +\infty$. FOR A FIXED Λ WE ASK

WHAT IS THE LIMITING BEHAVIOR AS $S \rightarrow +\infty$.

THE CONJECTURE IS THAT $H(S, \Lambda) \rightarrow H_e$ AS $S \rightarrow \infty$ ON Λ FIXED, WHERE H_e IS THE EQUILIBRIUM SOLUTION

$$\frac{1}{3} H_e = \frac{\Lambda}{H_e^2} \quad \text{OR} \quad H_e^3 = 3\Lambda \quad \text{OR} \quad H_e = \sqrt[3]{3\Lambda}.$$

THIS LEADS TO THE STATEMENT THAT

$$W(x, t) \rightarrow (T_x - t)^{1/3} (3\Lambda)^{1/3} \quad \text{AS} \quad t \rightarrow T_x^- \quad \text{FOR} \quad |x| \leq C(T_x - t)^{1/2}.$$

THIS TURNS OUT TO BE CORRECT. THE FOLLOWING IS A RIGOROUS RESULT:

PROPOSITION CONSIDER $W_t = W_{xx} - \frac{1}{W^B} \quad |x| \leq L, \quad t \geq 0, \quad B \geq 1$

WITH $W(\pm L, t) = 1$, $W(x, 0) = W_0(x) > 0$ WITH $W_0(\pm L) = 1$. LET W

BE A SOLUTION THAT QUENCHES AT A FINITE TIME T_* , AND LET

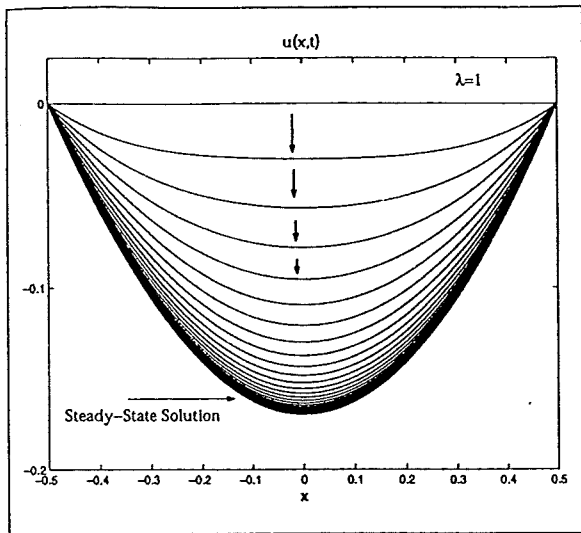
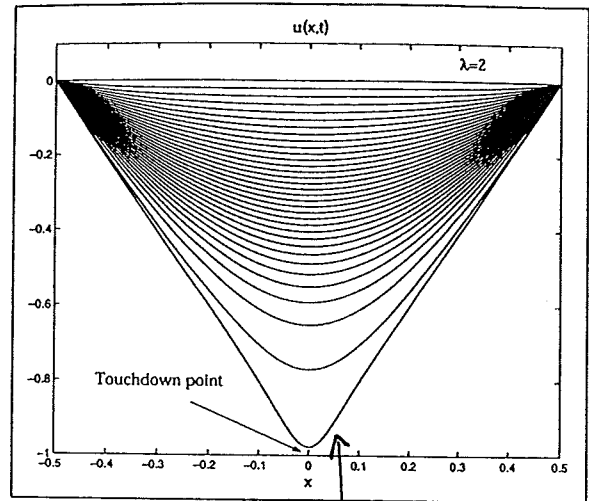
x_0 BE THE QUENCHING POINT. THEN,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow T_*^-} W(x, t) (T_* - t)^{-1/(B+1)} = (B+1)^{1/(B+1)} \quad \text{FOR} \quad |x - x_0| \leq C(T_* - t)^{1/2}.$$

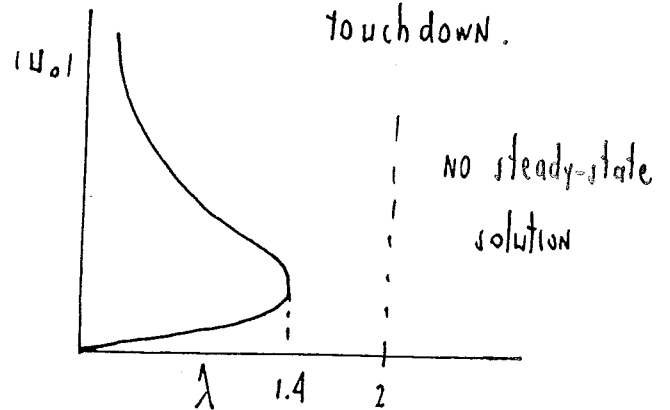
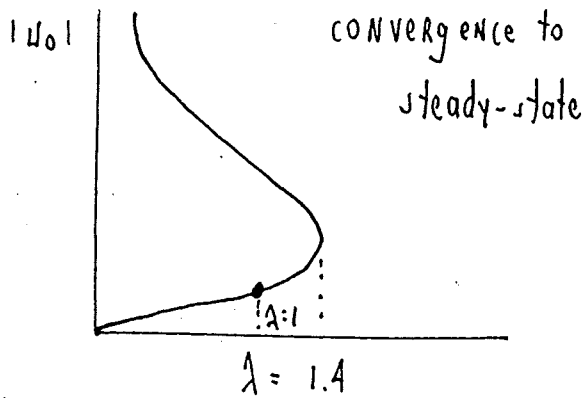
REMARK: FOR OUR PROBLEM $B=2$ AND $\Lambda=1$ SO $H_{EQ} = 3^{1/3}$ WHICH

AGREES WITH THE RESULT ABOVE.

NUMERICAL RESULTS SHOWING BLOW-UP SINGULARITY.

 $\lambda = 1$  $\lambda = 2$ (no steady-state)

"LOCAL BEHAVIOR"
to be analyzed



QUESTION : WHAT IS THE LOCAL BEHAVIOR NEAR THE TOUCHDOWN TIME AND THE TOUCHDOWN POINT?

WE CONSIDER THE PDE

$$W_t = W_{xx} - \frac{\lambda}{W^2}, \quad -\frac{1}{2} < X < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$W = 1 \text{ ON } X = \pm 1/2, \quad W = 1 \text{ AT } t = 0$$

WE LOOK FOR A QUASI-SIMILARITY SOLUTION OF THE FORM

$$W(X, t) = (T_X - t)^{1/3} H \left[\frac{X}{\sqrt{T_X - t}}; S \right] \quad S = -\log(T_X - t).$$

WE LET $\Lambda = X/\sqrt{T_X - t}$ AND OBTAIN

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H_S = H_{\Lambda\Lambda} - \frac{\Lambda}{2} H_{\Lambda} + \frac{1}{3} H - \frac{\lambda}{H^2}, \quad 0 \leq \Lambda < \infty, \quad 0 < S < \infty \\ H_{\Lambda} = 0 \quad \text{ON} \quad \Lambda = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

WE WANT TO DETERMINE THE LONG-TIME BEHAVIOR AS $S \rightarrow +\infty$.

$$\text{DEFINE } g(H) = \frac{H}{3} - \frac{\lambda}{H^2} \quad \text{AND NOTICE THAT } g(H_e) = 0$$

$$\text{WHERE } H_e = (3\lambda)^{1/3}. \quad \text{THEN } V = H - H_e$$

$$g'(H_e) = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{2\lambda}{H_e^3} = 1$$

$$g(H) \sim g'(H_e) V + \frac{g''(H_e)}{2} V^2 + \dots$$

$$g''(H_e) = -\frac{6\lambda}{H_e^4}$$

SO THAT

$$V_S = V_{\Lambda\Lambda} - \frac{\Lambda}{2} V_{\Lambda} + V - \frac{3\lambda}{H_e^4} V^2 + \dots$$

WE THEN WRITE THIS PROBLEM IN THE FORM

$$V_S = \frac{1}{2} V - \omega V^2 \quad \omega = \frac{3\lambda}{4e^4} = \frac{3\lambda}{(3\lambda)^{4/3}} = \frac{1}{(3\lambda)^{1/3}}$$

where $\frac{1}{2} V = \frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} (\rho V_\lambda) + V \quad \rho = e^{-\lambda^2/4}$

THIS IS HERMITE'S OPERATOR!

WE FIRST CONSIDER THE EIGENVALUE PROBLEM

$$(E) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{2} \phi = \lambda \phi, \quad -\infty < \lambda < \infty \\ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho \phi^2 d\lambda < \infty \end{array} \right. \quad \rho = e^{-\lambda^2/4}$$

THIS PROBLEM IS $\phi_{\lambda\lambda} - \frac{\lambda}{2} \phi_\lambda + \phi = \lambda \phi$, AND ADMITS THE SPECTRUM

$$(i) \quad \lambda_1^+ = 1, \quad \lambda_2^+ = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \phi_1^+ = c_1^+, \quad \phi_2^+ = c_2^+ \lambda$$

$$(ii) \quad \lambda_1^0 = 0, \quad \phi_1^0 = c_1^0 \left(\frac{\lambda^2}{2} - 1 \right)$$

$$(iii) \quad \lambda_j^- = 1 - \frac{(j+2)}{2}, \quad j=1, 2, \dots \quad \phi_j^- = c_j^- H_{j+2}(\lambda/2) \quad j=1, 2, \dots$$

where $H_j(x) = (-1)^j e^{x^2} \frac{d^j}{dx^j} (e^{-x^2}) \quad j=0, 1, \dots$

HERMITE POLYNOMIALS

NORMALIZATION OF $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho (\phi_1^0)^2 d\lambda = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda^2/4} (\phi_1^0)^2 d\lambda = 1$ YIELDS

THAT $c_1^0 = \frac{1}{2\pi^{1/4}}$

NOW WE EXPAND

$$V = B_1(s) \phi_1^+ (\Lambda) + B_2(s) \phi_2^+ (\Lambda) + \alpha_1(s) \phi_1^0 (\Lambda) + [\gamma_1(s) \phi_1^- (\Lambda) + \dots]$$

$\xleftarrow{\text{growing}} \quad \xleftrightarrow{\text{NEUTRAL}} \quad \xleftarrow{\text{decaying}}$

WE WANT $V \rightarrow 0$ AS $s \rightarrow \infty$. HENCE $B_1 = B_2 = 0$.

WE SUBSTITUTE INTO

$$V_s = 2V - \omega V^2$$

TO OBTAIN, $\dot{\alpha}_1 \phi_1^0 = -\omega \alpha_1^2 (\phi_1^0)^2 + \text{decaying modes}$.

WE THEN USE ORTHOGONALITY OF EIGENFUNCTIONS TO OBTAIN

$$\dot{\alpha}_1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\phi_1^0)^2 \rho d\Lambda = -\omega \alpha_1^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\phi_1^0)^3 \rho d\Lambda$$

WE CALCULATE $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho (\phi_1^0)^2 d\Lambda = 1$ NORMALIZATION

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho (\phi_1^0)^3 d\Lambda = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho (c_1^0)^3 \left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{2} - 1\right)^3 d\Lambda = 4c_1^0.$$

HENCE $\dot{\alpha}_1 = -4\omega c_1^0 \alpha_1^2$

THUS $\alpha_1 \sim A/s$ WITH $A = 1/4\omega c_1^0$ AS $s \rightarrow \infty$.

WE CONCLUDE THAT

$$\omega = \frac{1}{(3\lambda)^{1/3}}$$

$$H \sim H_e + \frac{A}{s} c_1^0 \left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{2} - 1 \right) + \dots \quad \text{AS } s \rightarrow +\infty$$

$$c_1^0 A/s = \frac{1}{4\omega s}$$

THEREFORE,

$$H \sim H_e + \frac{1}{4ws} \left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{2} - 1 \right) \quad \text{As } s \rightarrow \infty, \Lambda \text{ FIXED.}$$

HOWEVER, $H_e = (3\Lambda)^{1/3}$, $w^{-1} = (3\Lambda)^{1/3}$, $\Lambda = \frac{X}{\sqrt{T^* - t}}$, $s = |\log(T^* - t)|$.

THEN $w \sim (T^* - t)^{1/3} H$ yields,

$$w \sim [3\Lambda(T^* - t)]^{1/3} \left(1 + \frac{X^2}{8(T^* - t)|\log(T^* - t)|} - \frac{1}{4|\log(T^* - t)|} \right)$$

As $T^* - t \rightarrow 0$ FOR $\frac{X^2}{T^* - t}$ FIXED, AND $U = -1 + w$.

THIS IS THE QUENCH PROFILE.