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$$\textcircled{1} \quad \ddot{x} + k(x^2 - 4)\dot{x} + x = 1, \quad k \gg 1$$

$$\ddot{x} + k\dot{x}(x^2 - 4) = \frac{d}{dt} [\dot{x} + k(\frac{1}{3}x^3 - 4x)] = 1 - x$$

$$\text{Let } F \equiv \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 4x; \quad \omega \equiv \dot{x} + kF; \quad y \equiv \frac{\omega}{k}$$

$$\dot{x} = k(y - F(x))$$

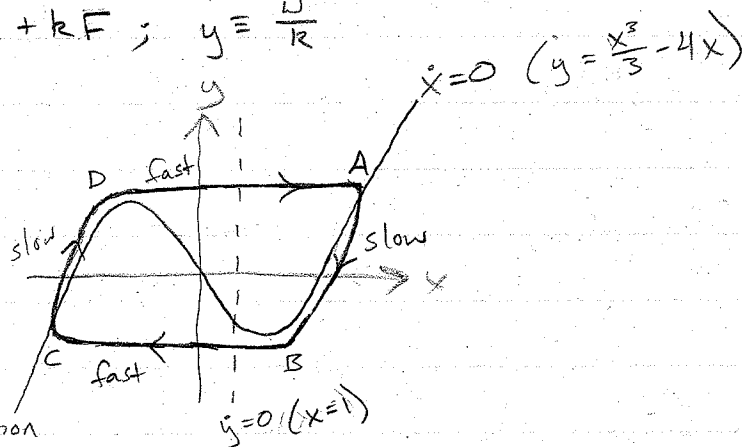
$$\dot{y} = -\frac{1}{k}(x - 1)$$

When $y = F(x)$, $\dot{x} = 0$

and $\dot{y} \sim \frac{1}{k} \Rightarrow$ slow branches.

Otherwise, $\dot{y} \sim \frac{1}{k}$ is slow

and $\dot{x} \sim k$ causes rapid motion



toward $y = F$. Note that the trajectory is roughly symmetric about $y = 0$: the offset of the nullcline causes

Slower motion between $A \rightarrow B$ than $C \rightarrow D$.

Trajectory spends almost all time on slow branches: $\text{Period} \approx T_{AB} + T_{CD}$

$$T_{AB} = \int_{x_A}^{x_B} \frac{dx}{\dot{x}}; \quad y = F(x) \quad \text{so } \dot{y} = F'(x)\dot{x} \Rightarrow \dot{x} = \frac{\dot{y}}{F'(x)} = \frac{1-x}{k(x^2-4)}$$

$$T_{AB} = k \int_{x_A}^{x_B} \frac{x^2-4}{1-x} dx$$

$$T_{CD} = k \int_{x_C}^{x_D} \frac{x^2-4}{1-x} dx$$

Find x_A, x_B, x_C, x_D : $(x_D, x_B) = \text{extrema}(\frac{1}{3}x^3 - 4x) \Rightarrow x_B = 2, x_D = -2$

$$F(x_A) = F(x_D) = F(-2) = \frac{16}{3} = \frac{1}{3}x_A^3 - 4x_A \Rightarrow x_A = 4, x_C = -x_A = -4$$

$$\Sigma = T_{AB} + T_{CD} = k \left\{ \int_4^2 \frac{x^2-4}{1-x} dx + \int_{-4}^{-2} \frac{x^2-4}{1-x} dx \right\} = k \left\{ (2-3\ln 3) + (4-3\ln \frac{5}{3}) \right\}$$

[Evaluate integral, e.g., with $x' = 1-x$ and expand integrand]

$$\Sigma = 3k(4 - \ln 5) \approx 7.2k$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \ddot{x} + \varepsilon \dot{x}^3 + x = 0$$

a) Following Strogatz p. 223-224, $x_0 = r(t) \cos \theta$; $\theta = \tau + \varphi(t)$

$$r' = \langle h \sin \theta \rangle$$

$$r \varphi' = \langle h \cos \theta \rangle$$

$$\text{Here } h(x, \dot{x}) = h(r \cos \theta, -r \sin \theta) = \dot{x}^3 = -r^3 \sin^3 \theta$$

$$r' = \langle -r^3 \sin^4 \theta \rangle = -\frac{3}{8} r^3 \quad (\text{using } \langle \sin^4 \theta \rangle = \frac{3}{8})$$

$$r \varphi' = \langle -r^3 \sin^3 \theta \cos \theta \rangle = 0$$

$$\hookrightarrow \boxed{r' = -\frac{3}{8} r^3, \quad \varphi' = 0}$$

b) Initial condition: Consider $x(0)$ and $\dot{x}(0)$ given (independent of ε). Then we have $x_1(0) = \dot{x}_1(0) = 0$ and

$$x(0) = x_0(0), \quad \dot{x}(0) = \dot{x}_0(0). \quad \text{But } \dot{x}(0) = (\partial_\tau + \varepsilon \partial_T) x_0 = -r \sin \theta + O(\varepsilon)$$

$$\text{Now we have } \sqrt{x(0)^2 + \dot{x}(0)^2} = \sqrt{r^2 \cos^2 \theta + r^2 \sin^2 \theta + O(\varepsilon)} \approx r.$$

$$\text{Similarly } \varphi(0) \approx \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\dot{x}(0)}{x(0)} \right) \quad [\text{cf Strogatz p. 225}]$$

$$\text{Here, } x(0) = a, \quad \dot{x}(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{r(0) \approx a, \quad \varphi(0) \approx 0}$$

$$\frac{dr}{dT} = -\frac{3}{8} r^3 \Rightarrow \int r^{-3} dr = -\frac{3}{8} \int dT \Rightarrow r^{-2} = \frac{3}{4} T + C$$

$$\text{at } T=0, \quad r = C^{-1/2} = a \Rightarrow C = a^{-2}$$

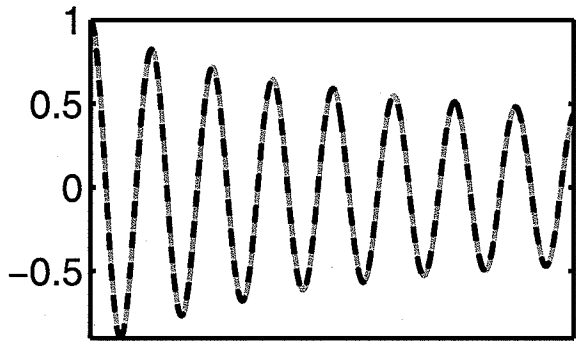
$$r(T) = \left(\frac{3}{4} T + a^{-2} \right)^{-1/2} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{4/a^2 + 3T}}$$

$$\text{Since } \varphi' = \varphi(0) = 0, \quad \varphi(T) = 0$$

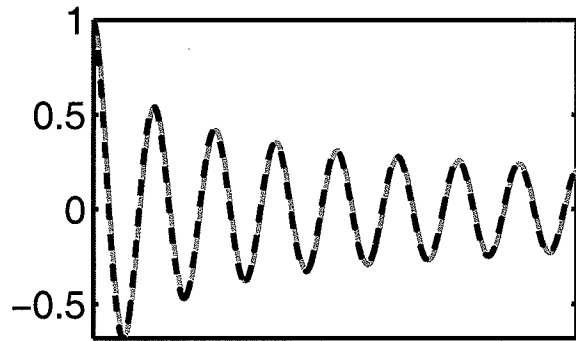
$$\boxed{x(t) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{4/a^2 + 3\varepsilon t}} \cos t + O(\varepsilon)}$$

c) On the next page, x vs. t is plotted for various values of ε, a ; analytical approximation is black dash, numerical is gray line. Amplitude initially dies faster for larger ε, A , so time scale separation is less accurate approximation in these regions of (ε, A, t) space.

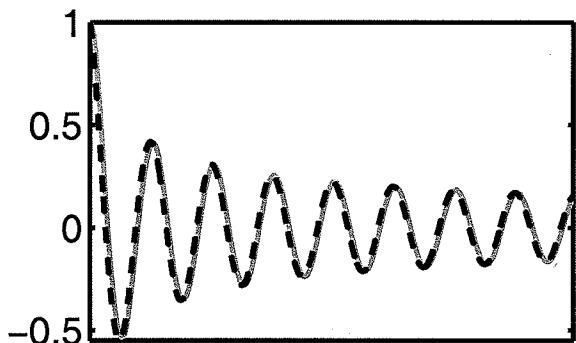
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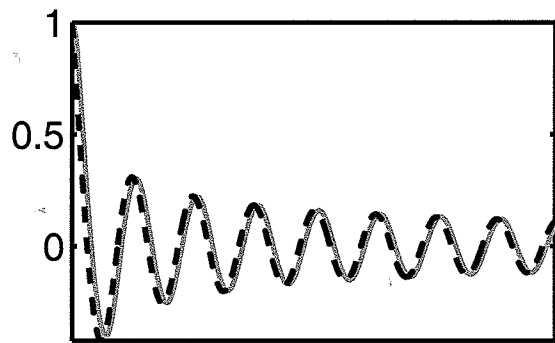
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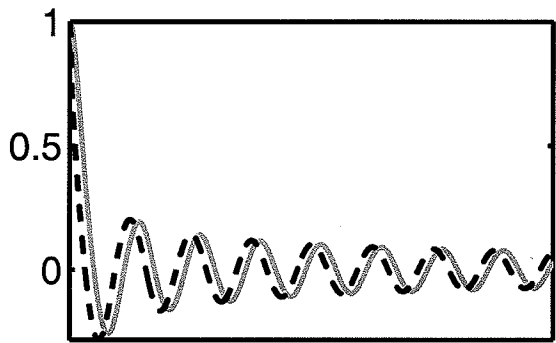
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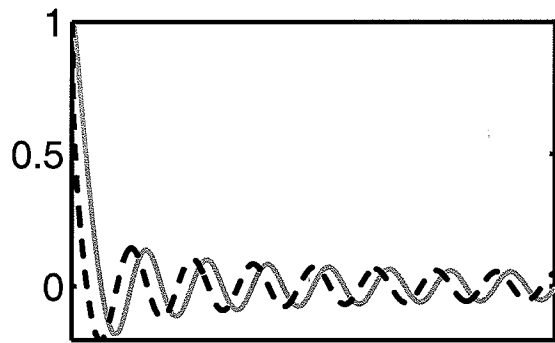
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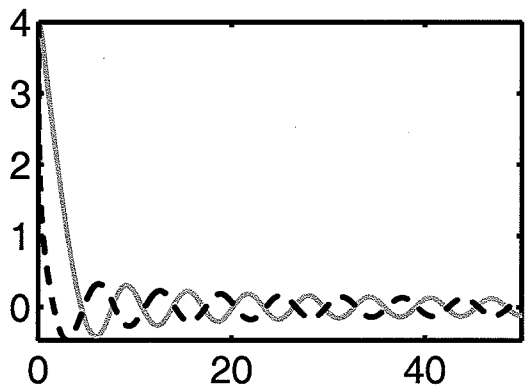
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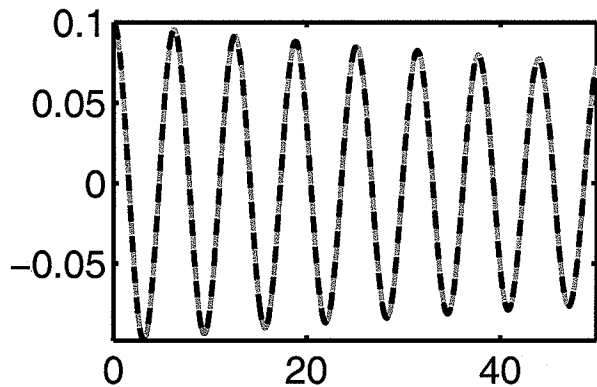
$a=1; \epsilon=10$



$a=4; \epsilon=2$

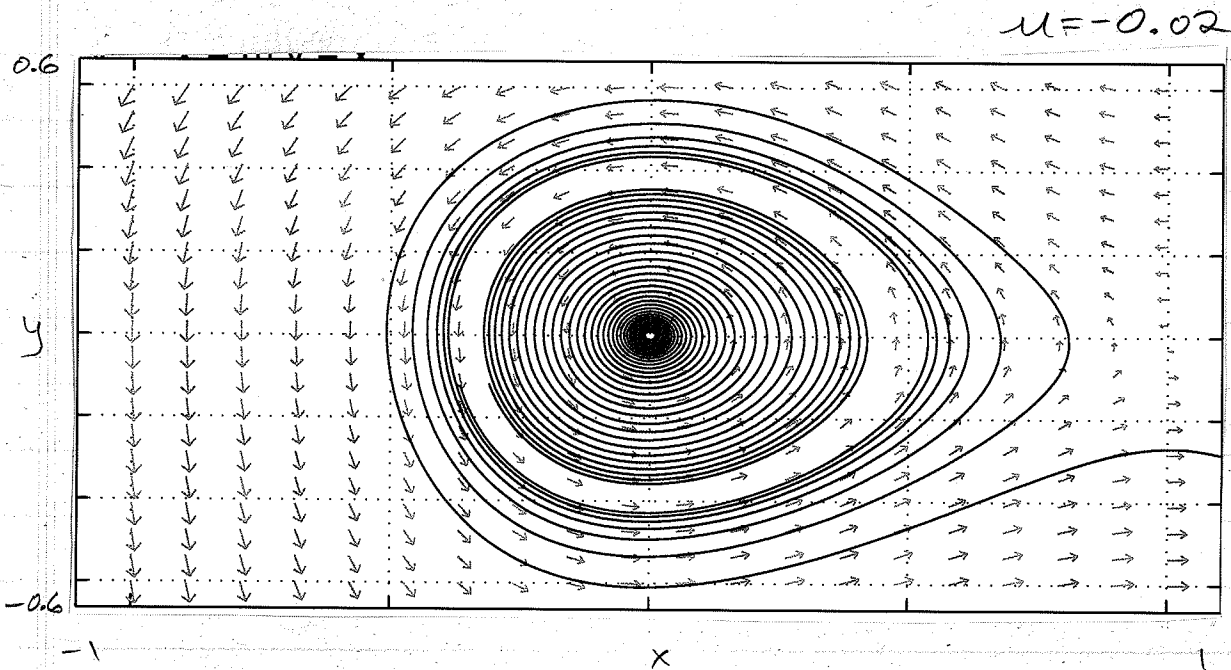
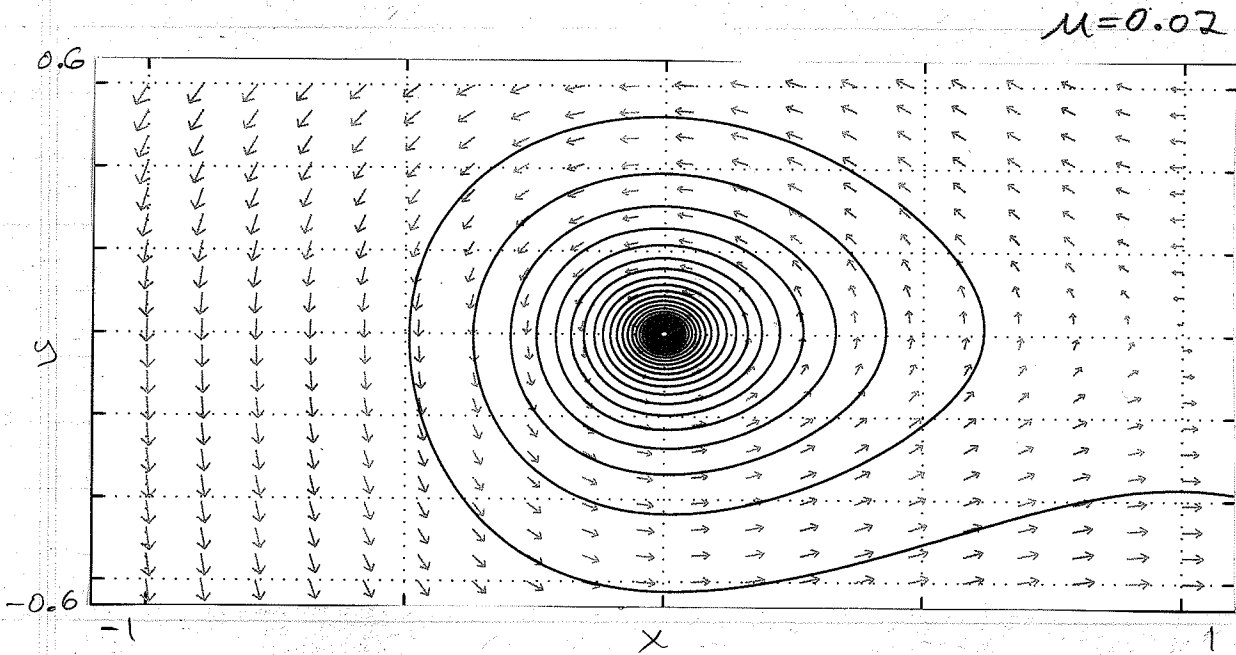


$a=0.1; \epsilon=2$



③ When $\mu > 0$, the origin is an unstable f.p.
When $\mu < 0$, origin becomes stable and
small unstable limit cycle is born:
subcritical Hopf bifurcation.

I used pplane, plotting only forward trajectories.



④ $\ddot{u} + \omega^2 u = (\varepsilon - \alpha z) \dot{u}$
 $\dot{z} + \gamma z = u^2$ $\gamma > 0, \alpha > 0, \varepsilon > 0, \varepsilon \ll 1$

a) Look for limit cycle of form $u = a \cos(\omega t + \beta)$

APPROACH 1 (three time scales)

$$\dot{y} = (\varepsilon - \alpha z) y - \omega z u$$

$$\dot{u} = y$$

$$\dot{z} = u^2 - \gamma z$$

Origin is fixed point. With $\varepsilon = 0$, it is stable. We're

looking for a limit cycle that might emerge for $\varepsilon > 0$.

Let the amplitude be $\mathcal{O}(\eta)$ (η undetermined), so

$u = \mathcal{O}(\eta)$, $y = \mathcal{O}(\eta)$, $z = \mathcal{O}(\eta^2)$. Since ε shows up

as $(\varepsilon - \alpha z)$, ε becomes important at $\mathcal{O}(\eta^2)$. So we're

interested in $\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{O}(\eta^2)$, and we can write $\varepsilon = E \eta^2$ with $E = \mathcal{O}(1)$.

Expand in η , introducing slow time scales T_n :

$$\frac{d}{dt} = \partial_{T_0} + \eta \partial_{T_1} + \eta^2 \partial_{T_2} + \dots$$

$$(u, y, z) = \sum_{n=1}^3 \eta^n (u_n(T_0, T_1, T_2), y_n, z_n) \quad [\text{perhaps confusing notation...}]$$

$$\varepsilon = \eta^2 E$$

Equate terms:

$$\mathcal{O}(\eta^1): \quad \partial_{T_0} y_1 = -\omega^2 u_1$$

$$\partial_{T_0} u_1 = y_1$$

$$\partial_{T_0} z_1 = -\gamma z_1$$

$$\hookrightarrow u_1 = A(T_1, T_2) e^{i\omega T_0} + c.c.$$

$$y_1 = i\omega A e^{i\omega T_0} + c.c.$$

$$z_1 = B(T_1, T_2) e^{-\gamma T_0}$$

Since γ, T_0 are $\mathcal{O}(1)$, $z_1 \rightarrow 0$ much faster than

variations in $A(T_1)$ ($T_1 = \mathcal{O}(\eta)$), so take $\boxed{z_1 \approx 0}$

(as expected from discussion above).

④ a) cont'd

$$\mathcal{O}(\eta^2): \partial_{T_1} y_1 + \partial_{T_0} y_2 = -\omega^2 u$$

$$\partial_{T_1} u_1 + \partial_{T_0} u_2 = y_2$$

$$\partial_{T_1} z_1 + \partial_{T_0} z_2 = u_1^2 - \gamma z_2$$

$$\hookrightarrow \partial_{T_0} y_2 + \omega^2 u_2 = -\partial_{T_1} A i \omega e^{i\omega T_0} + c.c.$$

$$\partial_{T_0} u_2 - y_2 = -\partial_{T_1} A e^{i\omega T_0} + c.c.$$

$$\partial_{T_0} z_2 + \gamma z_2 = (A e^{i\omega T_0} + c.c.)^2 - 0$$

Avoid secular terms: $\partial_{T_1} A = 0 \Rightarrow A = A(T_2) \Rightarrow \boxed{u_2 = y_2 = 0}$

Integrate z_2 equ'n: $\boxed{z_2 = \frac{2|A|^2}{\gamma} + \frac{A^2}{2i\omega + \gamma} e^{2i\omega T_0} + c.c.}$

$$\mathcal{O}(\eta^3): \partial_{T_2} y_1 + \partial_{T_0} y_3 = E y_1 - \alpha y_1 z_2 - \omega^2 u_3$$

$$\partial_{T_2} u_1 + \partial_{T_0} u_3 = y_3$$

$$\partial_{T_1} z_2 + \partial_{T_0} z_3 = -\gamma z_3$$

Eliminate u_3 between first 2 equations:

$$\partial_{T_0}^2 y_3 + \omega^2 y_3 = \partial_{T_0 T_2} u_1 - \partial_{T_0 T_2} y_1 + E \partial_{T_0} y_1 - \alpha \partial_{T_0} y_1 z_2 - \alpha y_1 \partial_{T_0} z_2$$

After some messy algebra, find that secular terms

eliminated if

$$A' = \frac{1}{2} E A - \frac{\alpha}{\gamma} A |A|^2 + \frac{\alpha}{2} A \frac{|A|^2}{2i\omega + \gamma}, \quad A' \equiv \partial_{T_2} A$$

We had $u_1 = A e^{i\omega T_0} + c.c.$. Let $A = \frac{1}{2} a e^{i\beta}$

Let $A = \frac{1}{2\eta} a e^{i\beta} \Rightarrow u_1 = \eta u_1 = a \cos(\omega t + \beta)$

$$\hookrightarrow \begin{cases} \dot{a} = \frac{1}{2} E A - \frac{\alpha(\gamma^2 + 8\omega^2)}{8\gamma(\gamma^2 + 4\omega^2)} a^3 \\ \dot{\beta} = -\frac{\alpha\omega}{4(\gamma^2 + 4\omega^2)} a^2 \end{cases}$$

(4) a) cont'd

APPROACH 2 (more intuitive, simpler)

$$\ddot{u} + \omega^2 u + (\alpha z - \varepsilon) \dot{u} = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$\dot{z} = u^2 - \gamma z \quad (2)$$

Examining (1) we see that when $(\alpha z - \varepsilon) > 0$, $\ddot{u} \sim -\dot{u}$ and there is damping. Eq'n (2) shows that z relaxes toward $\frac{u^2}{\gamma}$. So if we start with an initial condition far from the origin, u will be damped and decrease and z will decay toward the small $\frac{u^2}{\gamma}$.

After initial transients have decayed, $z \sim \frac{u^2}{\gamma}$, so $z = \mathcal{O}(u^2)$; now the damping term is $(\alpha z - \varepsilon) \sim (\frac{\alpha}{\gamma} u^2 - \varepsilon)$, so the solution grows for $(\frac{\alpha}{\gamma} u^2 - \varepsilon) < 0$ and decays for $(\frac{\alpha}{\gamma} u^2 - \varepsilon) > 0$, and hence we must have a limit cycle of amplitude

$$u \sim (\varepsilon \frac{\gamma}{\alpha})^{1/2}, \text{ or } u = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\varepsilon}).$$

$z = \mathcal{O}(u^2) = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$. By analogy with the 1D weakly nonlinear oscillator, which this system closely resembles, we can write the solution as

$$u(s, \tau) = a(\tau) \cos(\omega s + \beta(\tau)) (1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon))$$

$$\text{with } s \equiv t; \tau \equiv \varepsilon t$$

Based on the scaling arguments above, we can now write the system in terms of all $\mathcal{O}(1)$ terms except $\varepsilon \ll 1$, introducing $a = \varepsilon^{1/2} A$:

$$u \approx \varepsilon^{1/2} A(\tau) \cos \Theta + \varepsilon^{3/2} u_1; \quad \Theta \equiv \omega s + \beta(\tau) \quad (3)$$

$$z \approx \varepsilon z_1 \quad (4)$$

④ a) cont'd

Start by inserting (3), (4) into (2):

$$\partial_s z_1 = A^2 \cos^2(\omega s + \beta) - \tau z_1$$

This can be solved exactly: I used Mathematica.

$$z_1(\tau) = C_1 e^{-\tau s} + A^2 \frac{\tau^2 + 4\omega^2 + \tau^2 \cos 2(\omega s + \beta) + 2\omega\tau \sin 2(\omega s + \beta)}{2(\tau^3 + 4\tau\omega^2)} \quad (5)$$

After initial transients have died out, expect $C_1 e^{-\tau s}$ term to be negligible, so drop it.

Now plug (3) into (1), using $\partial_t = \partial_s + \varepsilon \partial_\tau$

Define $S \equiv \sin \theta = \sin(\omega s + \beta(\tau))$; $C \equiv \cos \theta$

$$\partial_{ss} u_0 + \varepsilon (\partial_{ss} u_I + \partial_{st} u_0) + \varepsilon (\alpha z_1 - 1) \partial_s u_0 + \omega^2 u_0 + \omega^2 \varepsilon u_I = 0$$

$$-\varepsilon^{1/2} \omega^2 AC + \varepsilon^{3/2} (\partial_{ss} u_I - 2A'S - 2A\beta'C) - \varepsilon^{3/2} (\alpha z_1 - 1) AS + \varepsilon^{1/2} \omega^2 AC + \varepsilon^{3/2} \omega^2 u_I = 0$$

[Note that here $u_0 = \varepsilon^{1/2} AC$ and $u_I = \varepsilon^{1/2} u_1$]

$$O(\varepsilon^{1/2}): -\omega^2 AC + \omega^2 AC = 0 \quad (\text{by construction})$$

$$O(\varepsilon^{3/2}): \partial_{ss} u_1 + \omega^2 u_1 = 2A'S + 2A\beta'C + (\alpha z_1 - 1) AS = \text{RHS}$$

To eliminate resonant terms in u_1 , we need

$$0 = \int_0^{2\pi/\omega} (\text{RHS}) \sin(\omega s + \beta) ds = \int_0^{2\pi/\omega} (\text{RHS}) \sin(\omega s + \beta) ds$$

We have z_1 (5). Just need to evaluate integrals and

solve first one for A' , second one for β' . I used

Mathematica for this, getting

$$A' = \frac{1}{2} A - \frac{\alpha(\tau^2 + 8\omega^2)}{8\tau(\tau^2 + 4\omega^2)} A^3, \quad \beta' = -\frac{\alpha\omega\tau}{4(\tau^2 + 4\omega^2)} A^2$$

(Use $a = \varepsilon^{1/2} A$,

$\dot{a} = \varepsilon^{1/2} \dot{A} = \varepsilon^{3/2} A'$,

$\beta' = \varepsilon \dot{\beta}$ to get

desired result).

Mathematica

Notebook \rightarrow

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In[1]:= c = Cos[ω s + B]; S = Sin[ω s + B];
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In[2]:= ans = Simplify[DSolve[∂s z[s] + τ z[s] = A^2 c^2, z[s], s]];
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In[3]:= Z1 = z[s] /. ans[[1]] /. C[1] -> 0;
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In[8]:= R = 2 Ap S + 2 Bp Ac - (1 - α Z1) AS;
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In[13]:= Simplify[Solve[∫0 to 2π/ω R S ds = 0, Ap]]
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Simplify[Solve[∫0 to 2π/ω R c ds = 0, Bp]]
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Out[13]= {{Ap -> -A^3 α (τ^2 + 8 ω^2) + 4 A (τ^3 + 4 τ ω^2) / (8 (τ^3 + 4 τ ω^2))}}
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Out[14]= {{Bp -> -A^2 α ω / (4 (τ^2 + 4 ω^2))}}
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④ b) The equation for \dot{a} has roots at $a=0$, $a=\pm 2\sqrt{R}$, $R \equiv \varepsilon \frac{\gamma(\gamma^2 + 4\omega^2)}{\alpha(\gamma^2 + 8\omega^2)}$

So we see that an $a > 0$ solution exists for $R > 0$. Plotting \dot{a} vs. a , or noting that $\dot{a} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} a - k a^3$, we see that the origin is stable when $R < 0$ and it becomes unstable w/ a stable limit cycle appearing when $R > 0 \Rightarrow$ supercritical Hopf bifurcation.

c) It occurs as R is varied.

d) There are 3 time scales in this problem: oscillation (t), slowly varying amplitude (εt), and timescale related to coupling w/ ε ($\sqrt{\varepsilon} t$). (In Approach 2 I was able to sidestep the third timescale.)