

Computing disconnected bifurcation diagrams of partial differential equations

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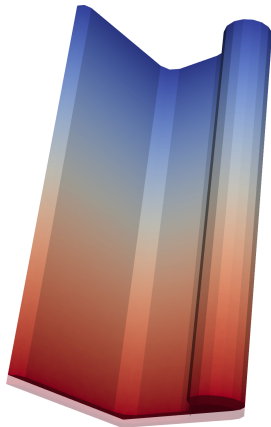
Section 1

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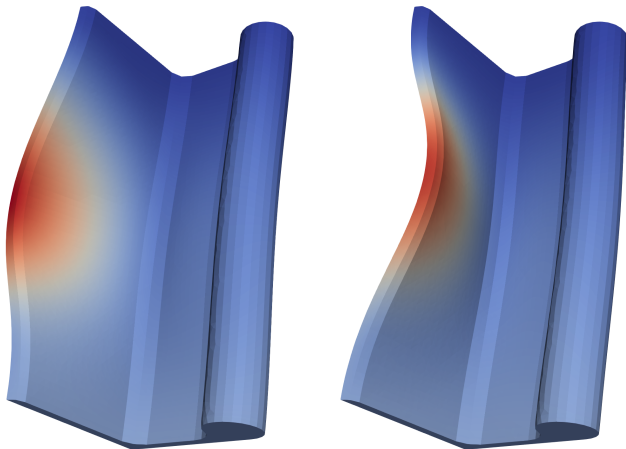
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Axial displacement test of an Embraer aircraft stiffener.

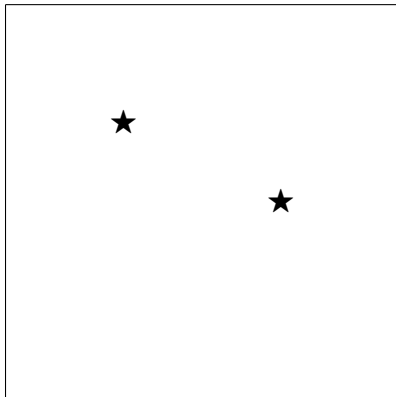
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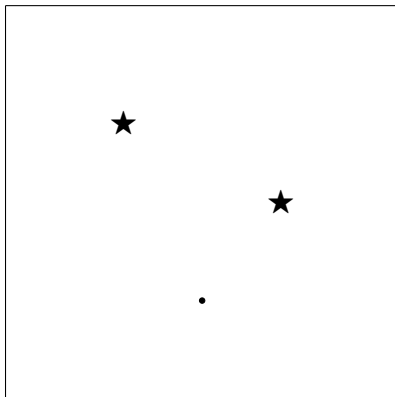
Two different, stable configurations.

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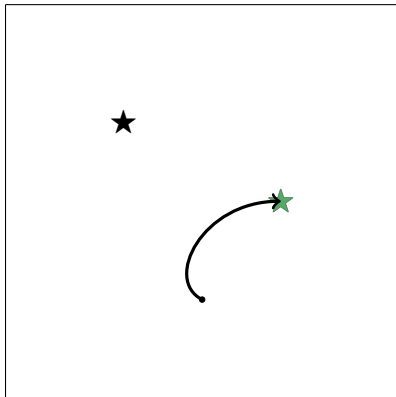
A PDE with two unknown solutions

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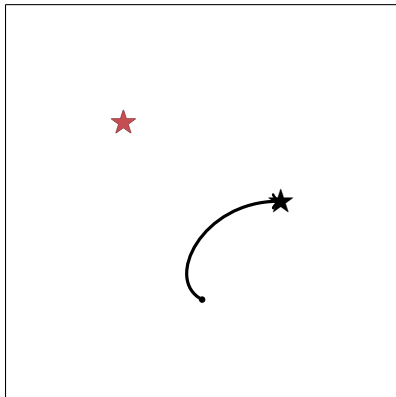
Start from some initial guess

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We converge to one solution, our prediction

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But nature has chosen another (unknown) solution!

Mathematical formulation

Compute the multiple *solutions* u of an equation

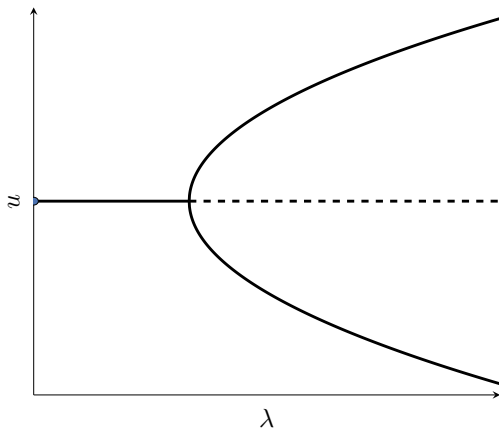
$$f(u, \lambda) = 0$$
$$f : V \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow V^*$$

as a function of a parameter λ .

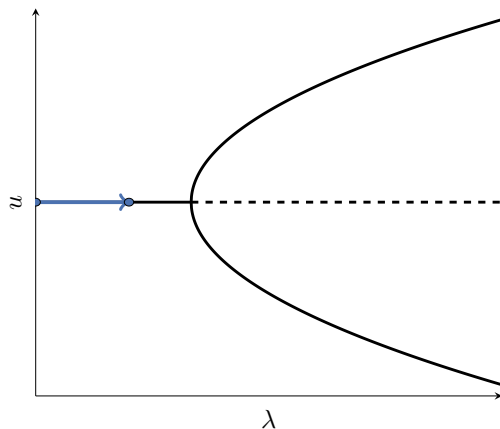
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The classical algorithm

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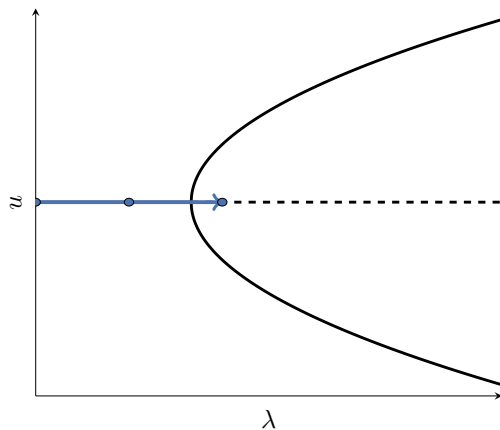


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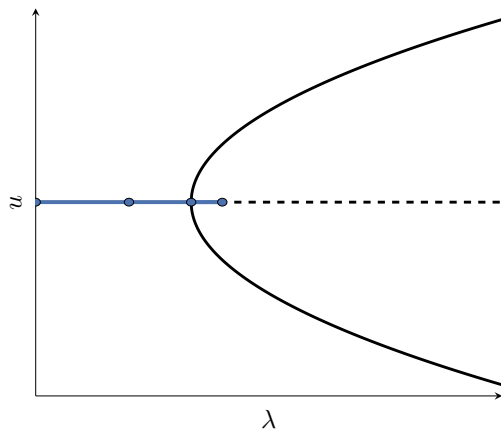
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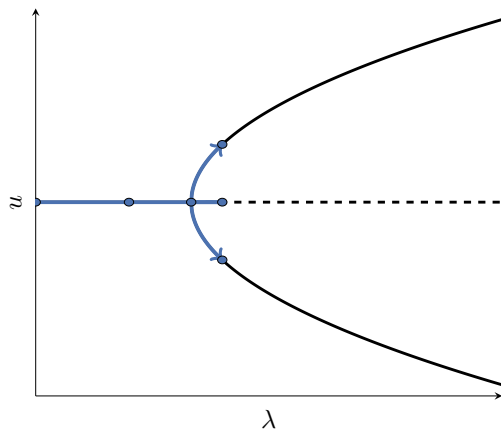
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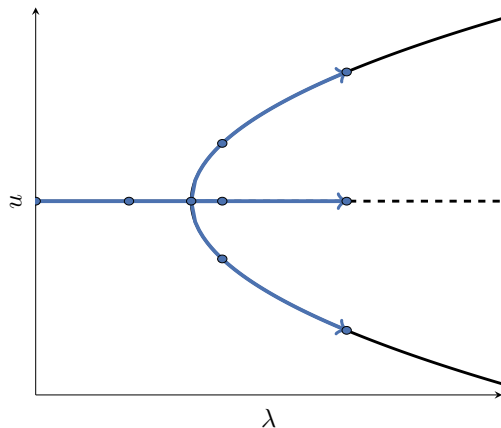
Step III: detect bifurcation point

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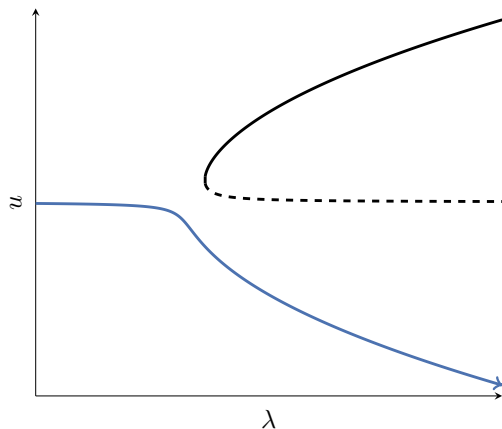
Step IV: compute eigenvectors and switch

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Step V: continuation on branches

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A disconnected diagram.

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Disconnected diagrams

The algorithm only computes branches connected to the initial datum.

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Scaling

The computational kernel is exactly the same as Newton's method.

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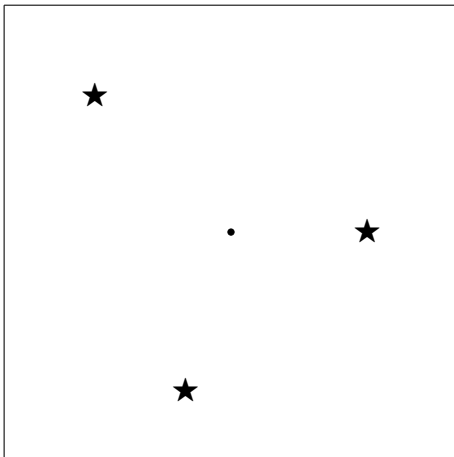
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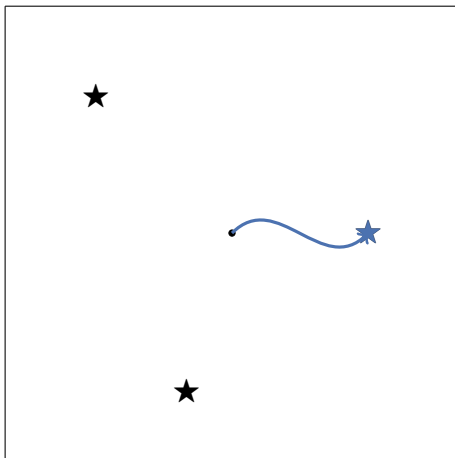
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Find more solutions, starting from the same initial guess.

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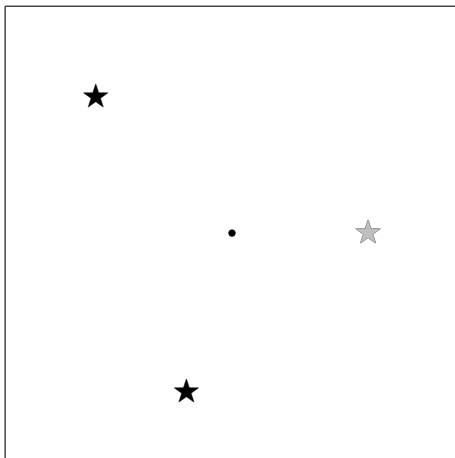


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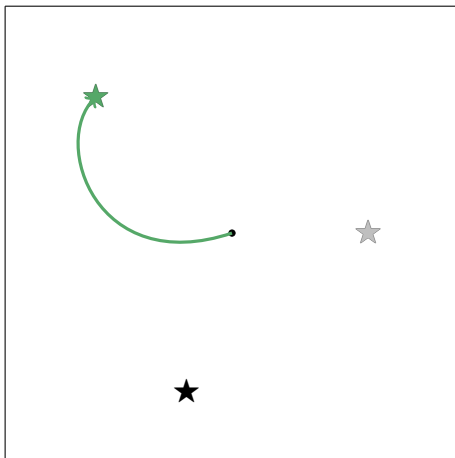
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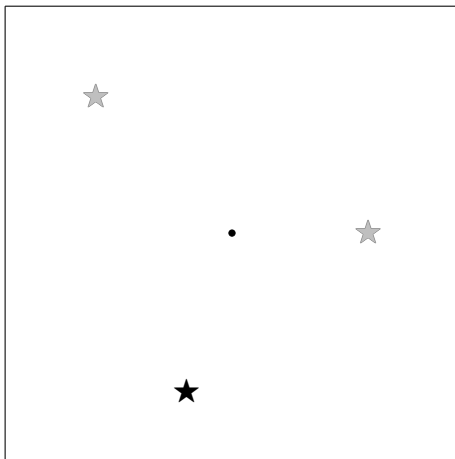
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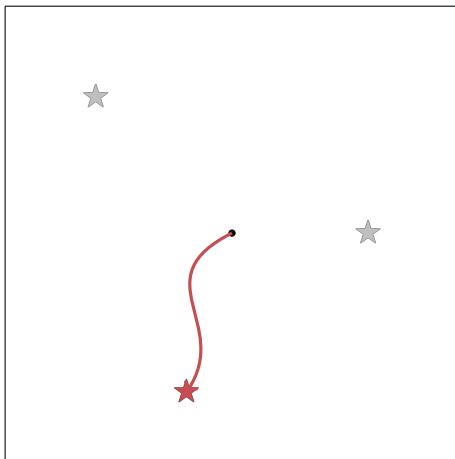
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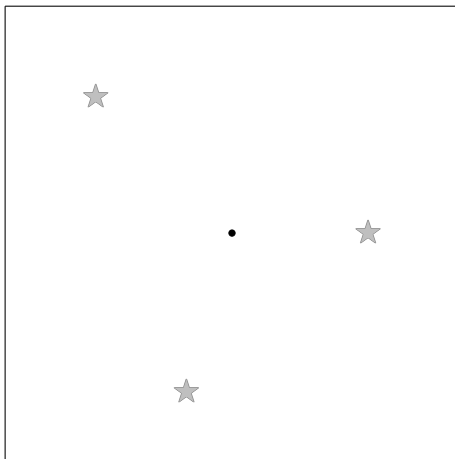
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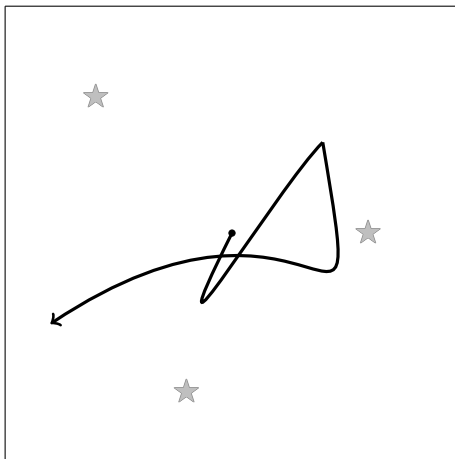
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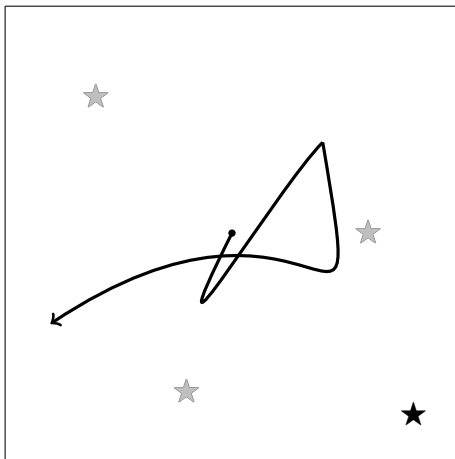
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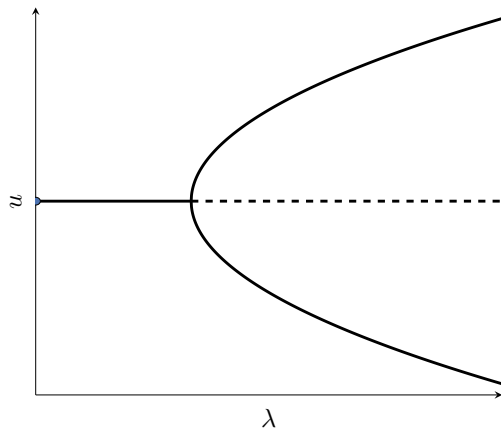
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Theorem (F., Birkiison, Funke, 2014)

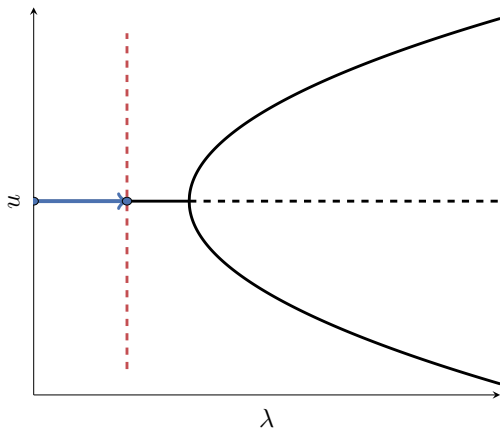
This is a deflation operator for $p \geq 1$:

$$\mathcal{M}(u; r) = \left(\frac{1}{\|u - r\|^p} + 1 \right)$$

Deflated continuation

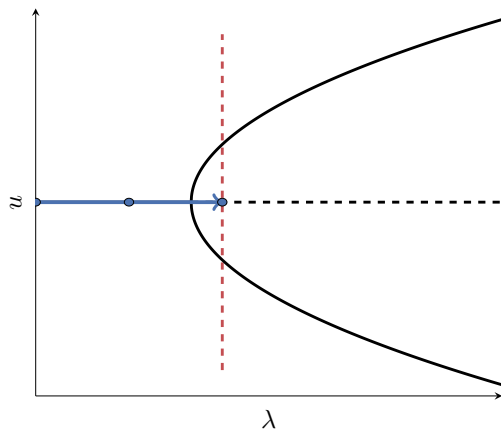


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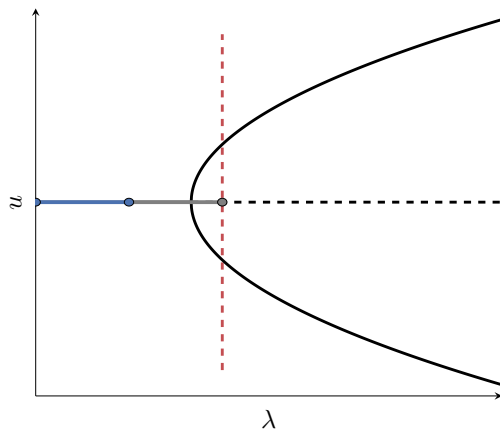
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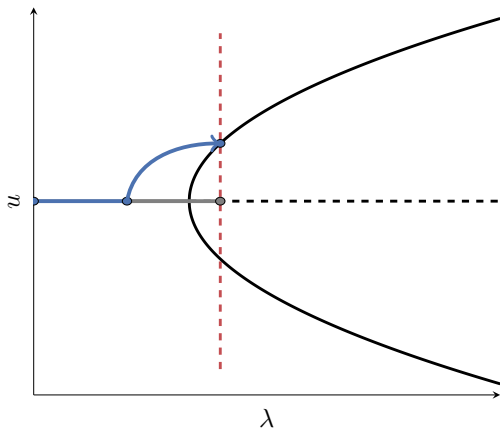
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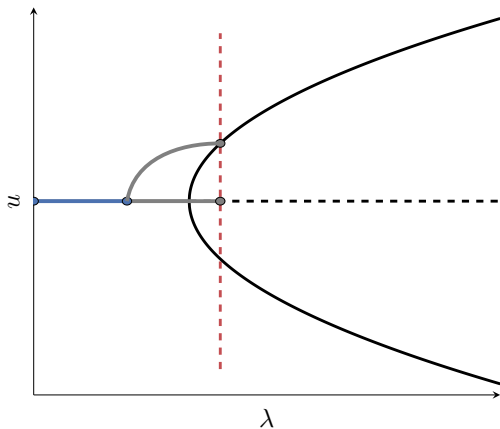
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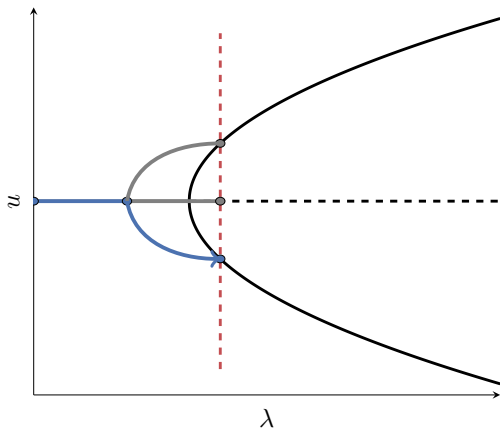
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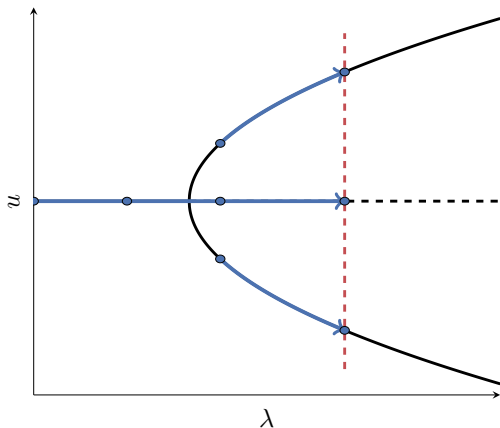
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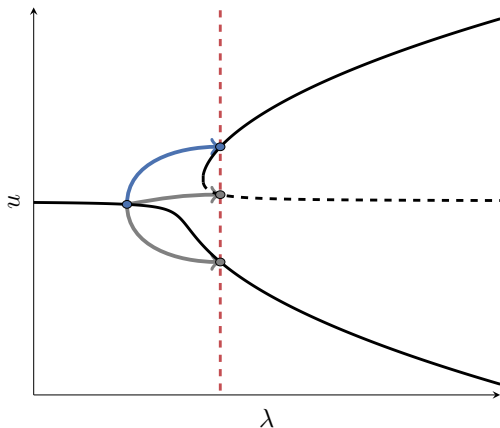
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Step IV: continuation on branches

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A disconnected diagram.

An example: the winged cusp

The winged cusp for $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x, \lambda) = x^3 - 2\lambda x + \lambda^2 - 2\lambda + 1 = 0$$

Section 4

Computations

Newton–Krylov

A question

How do we solve the deflated problem?

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Sherman–Morrison–Woodbury

$$\Delta u_G = \tau \Delta u_F$$

where $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$ is a simple function of $J_F^{-1}F$, M , and M' .

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Scaling of deflated continuation

With a good preconditioner, you can do bifurcation analysis at scale.

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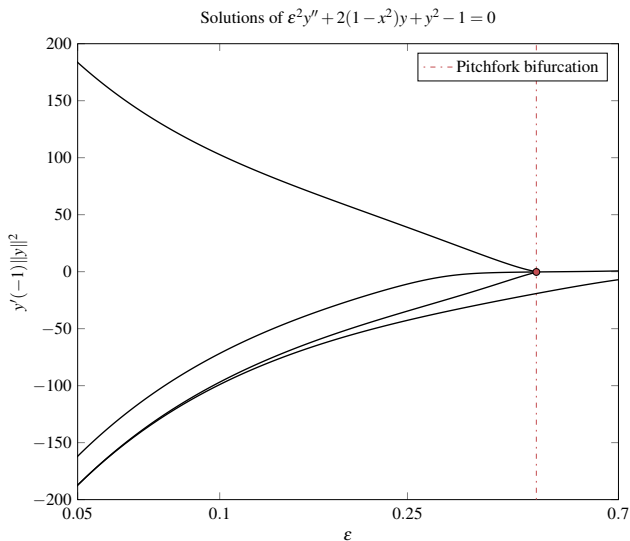
Applications

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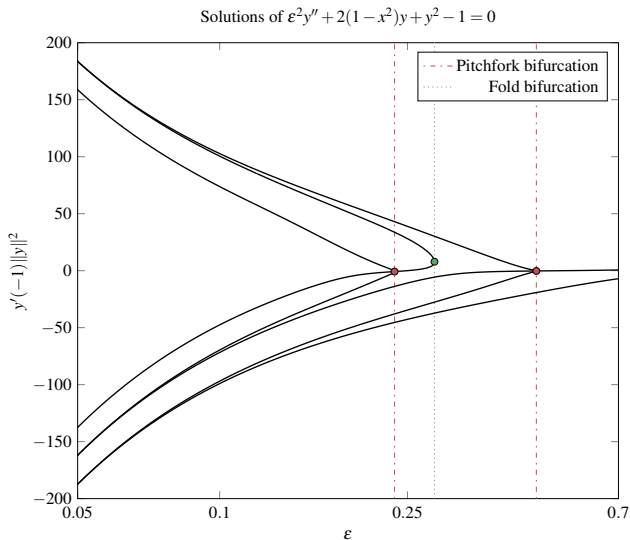
Carrier's problem (Carrier 1970, Bender & Orszag 1999)

$$\varepsilon^2 y'' + 2(1 - x^2)y + y^2 - 1 = 0, \quad y(-1) = 0 = y(1).$$

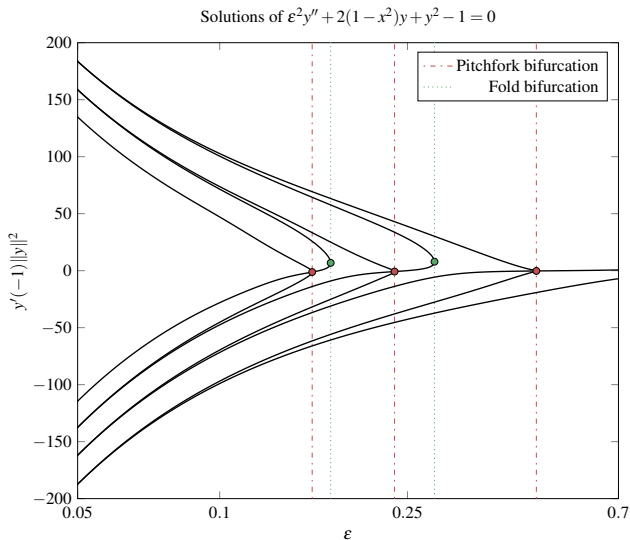
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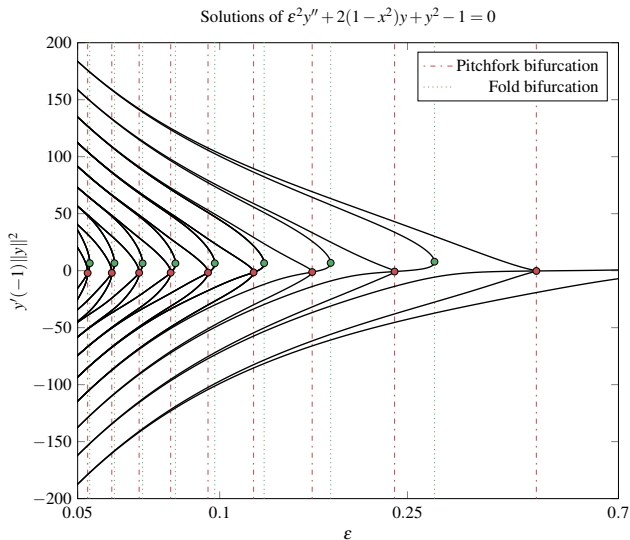
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3	0.15703946	0.157512	0.3012%
4	0.11798359	0.118134	0.1278%

Computed and estimated parameter ε values for the first four pitchfork bifurcations.

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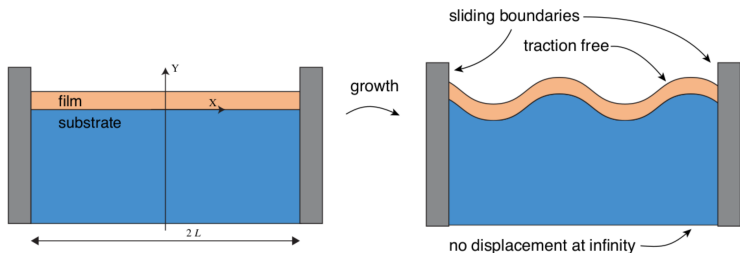
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3	0.17186970	0.173608	1.011%
4	0.12421206	0.124634	0.3397%
5	0.09762446	0.0977706	0.1497%

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Application: wrinkling of elastic bilayers

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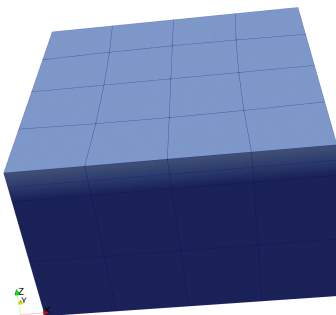
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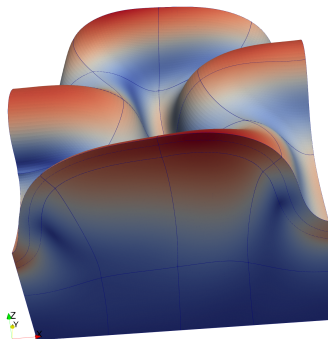
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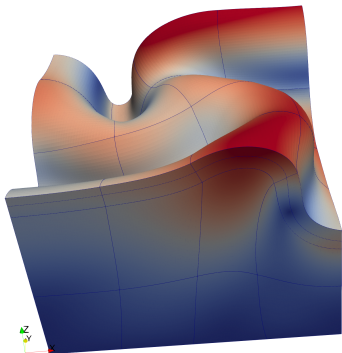
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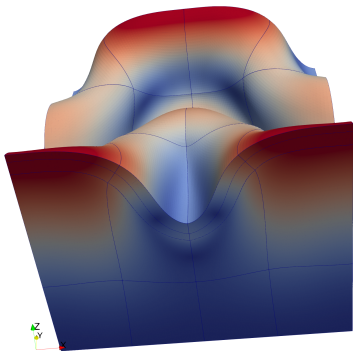
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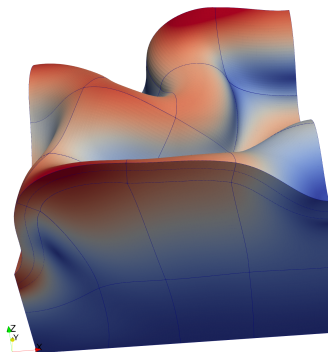
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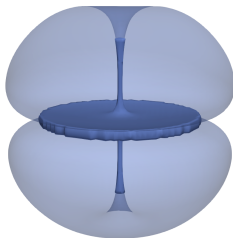
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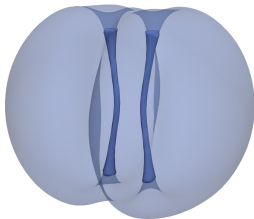


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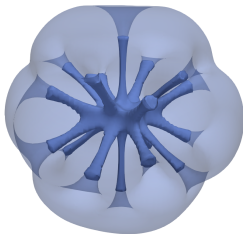


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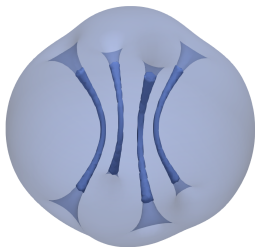


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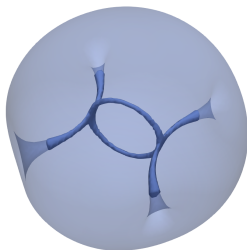


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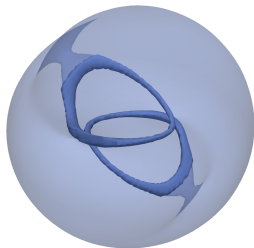


Solutions for $\mu = 6$. A vortex ring with two “handles”.

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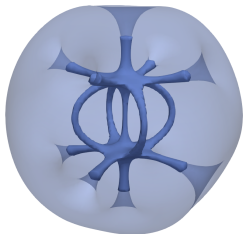


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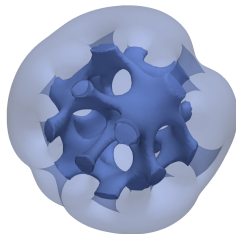


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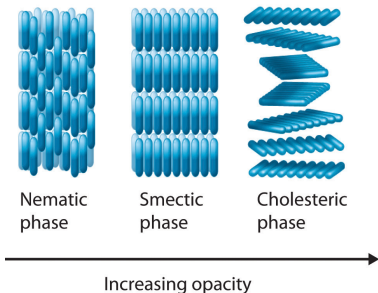
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Solutions for $\mu = 6$. A vortex ring cage?

Smectic-A liquid crystals

An exotic state of matter with properties between fluids and crystalline solids.



Source: Averill & Eldridge (2011).

Smectic-A liquid crystals

A new model, proposed by Xia, F., et al.:

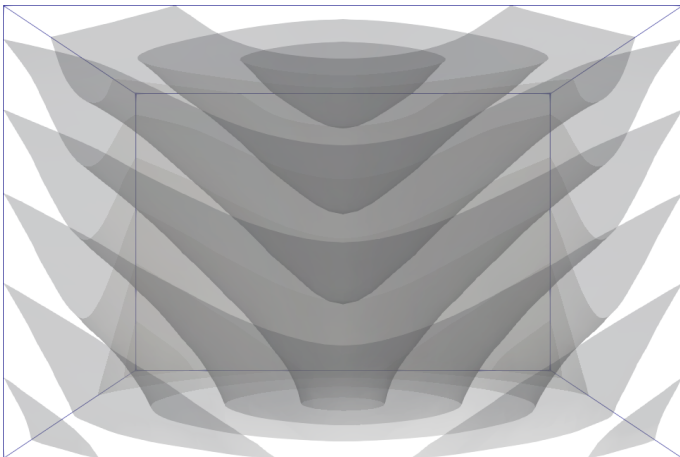
Energy functional for smectic liquid crystals

$$\begin{aligned}
 J(\mathbf{Q}, \delta\rho) = & \int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{a}{2}(\delta\rho)^2 + \frac{b}{3}(\delta\rho)^3 + \frac{c}{4}(\delta\rho)^4 \right) \\
 & + \int_{\Omega} B [D^2\delta\rho + q^2(\mathbf{Q} + I/3)\delta\rho]^2 \\
 & + \int_{\Omega} \left(\frac{K}{2}|\nabla\mathbf{Q}|^2 - \frac{\ell}{2}(\text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}^2)) - \frac{\ell}{3}(\text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}^3)) + \frac{\ell}{2}(\text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}^2))^2 \right) \\
 & + \int_{\text{bottom}} \frac{w}{2} (\nu \cdot (\mathbf{Q} + I/3)\nu) - \int_{\text{top}} \frac{w}{2} (\nu \cdot (\mathbf{Q} + I/3)\nu).
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Here $\mathbf{Q}(x) \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ is symmetric and traceless and $\delta\rho(x) \in \mathbb{R}$.

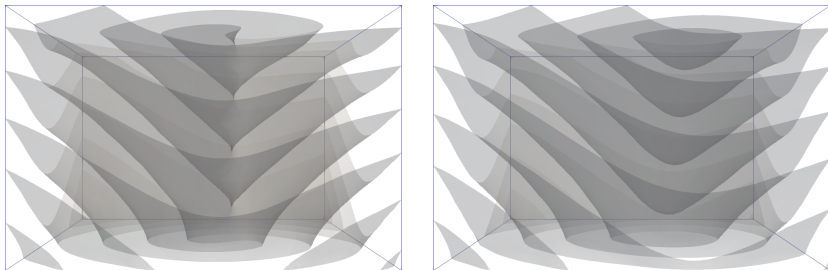
Parameters: $a = -10, b = 0, c = 10, B = 10^{-5}, K = 0.3, q = 30, \ell = 30, w = 3$.

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A toroidal focal conic domain, captured numerically for the first time.

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Two solutions for the same parameter values.

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Theorem (F., Surowiec, 2017)

Let $F : V \rightarrow V^*$ be a semismooth map between a Banach space and its dual. Let $r \in V$ be a root of F . Suppose r satisfies the assumptions required for superlinear convergence of the semismooth Newton method given in Hintermüller, Ito and Kunisch (2002). Then the operator

$$\mathcal{M}(u; r) = \left(\frac{1}{\|u - r\|^p} + 1 \right) \mathcal{I}_{V^*}$$

is a deflation operator for $p \geq 1$.

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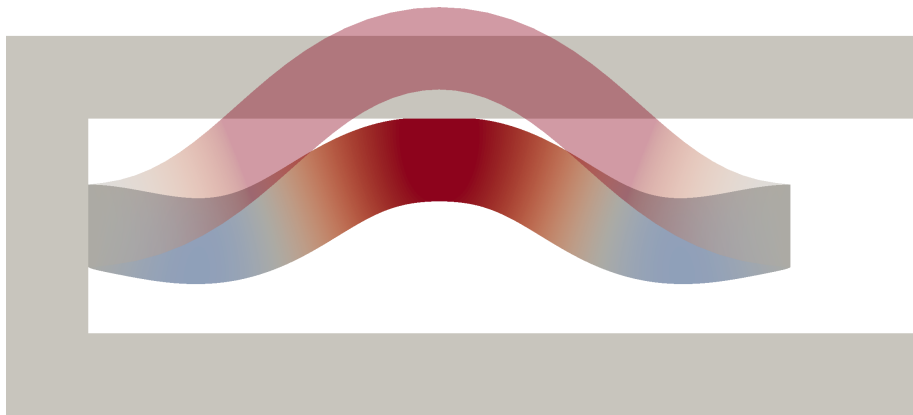
Strain energy density

$$\psi(u) = \frac{\mu}{2}(\text{tr}(C) - 2) - \mu \log(\det(C)) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \log(\det(C))^2,$$

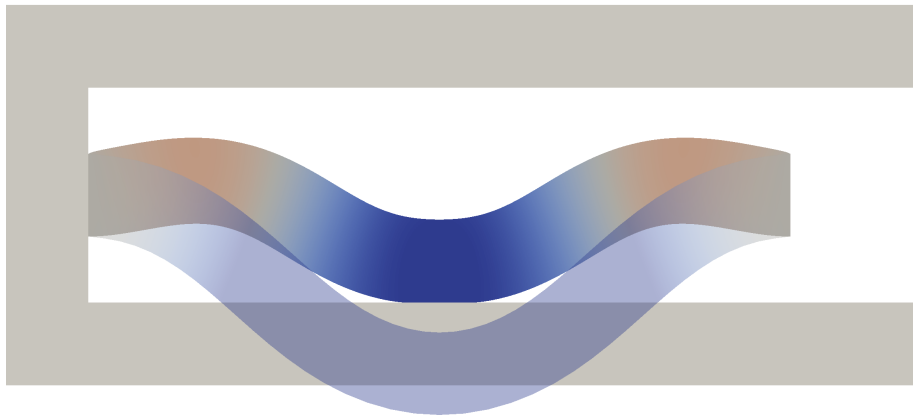
where

$$C = (I + \nabla u)^{\top} (I + \nabla u).$$

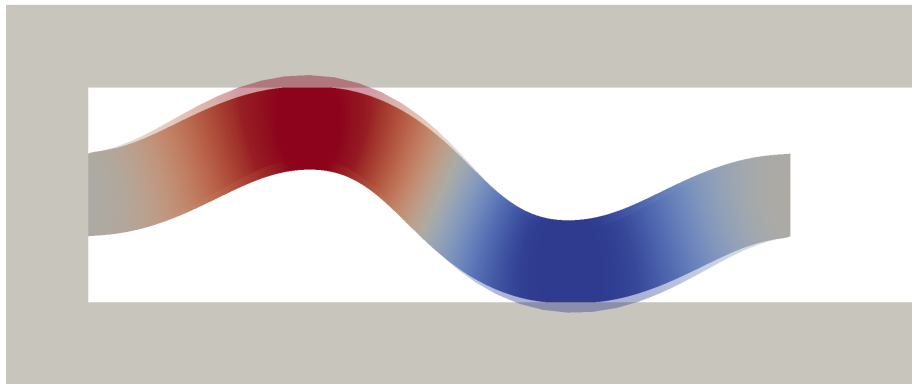
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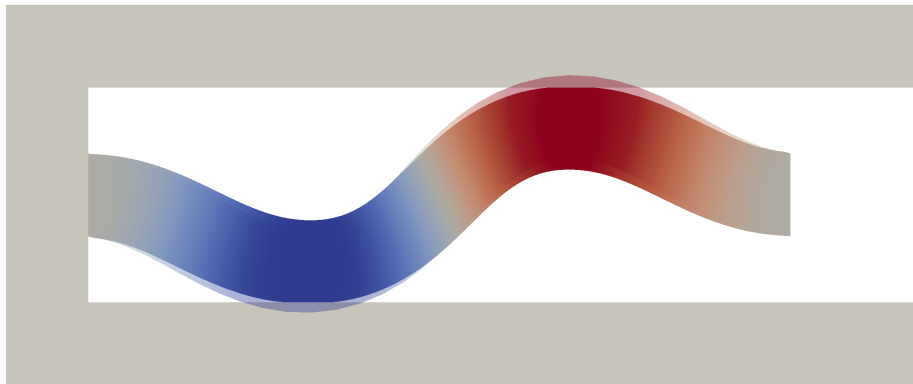
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