

**Regularization of Discontinuous Foliations:  
Blowing up and Sliding Conditions via Fenichel  
Theory**

# **Subjects covered in the short course**

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**When we can not apply the existence and uniqueness theorem**

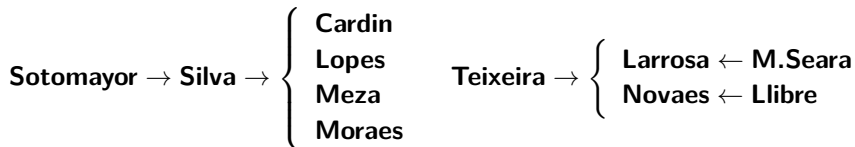
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## Singularly perturbed colleagues and collaborators.



## Flows defined by ordinary differential equations

Let  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be an open set and  $X : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a  $C^k$ -vector field. The trajectories of  $X$  are the solutions of the differential equation

$$x' = X(x).$$

- (existence and unicity)  $\forall x \in \mathcal{U}, \exists I_x \ni 0$  and  $\varphi_x : I_x \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$  such that  $\varphi'_x(t) = X(\varphi_x(t))$  and  $\varphi_x(0) = x$ .
- (group structure)  $y = \varphi_x(s), s \in I_x, I_y = I_x - s$  and  $\varphi_y(0) = y, \varphi_y(t) = \varphi_x(t + s), \forall t \in I_y$ .

The set

$$D = \{(t, x) : x \in \mathcal{U}, t \in I_x\}$$

is open and

$$\varphi : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \quad \varphi(t, x) = \varphi_x(t)$$

is called **flow** of  $X$ .

If  $X(p) \neq 0$  we say that  $p$  is a **regular** point and if  $X(p) = 0$  we say that  $p$  is a **singularity**.

The **orbit** of  $x \in \mathcal{U}$  is the set  $\mathcal{O}(x) = \{\varphi(t, x) : t \in I_x\}$ . There are 3 kinds of orbits:

- (homeomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}$ ):  $\varphi_x(t_1) \neq \varphi_x(t_2), \forall t_1, t_2 \in I_x$  with  $t_1 \neq t_2$ ;
- (only one point):  $\varphi_x(t_1) = \varphi_x(t_2), \forall t_1, t_2 \in I_x$ ;
- (homeomorphic to  $S^1$ ): other cases (periodic orbits).

A **limit cycle** is an isolated periodic orbit. An equivalence relation on  $\mathcal{U}$  is defined as follows:  $p \sim q$  if and only if  $p \in \mathcal{O}(q)$ . The partition of  $\mathcal{U}$  in equivalence classes is called **phase portrait**.

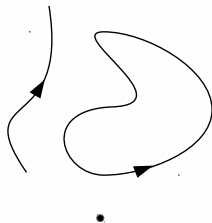


Figure 1: Kinds of orbits.

**Main goal:** to describe the phase portrait !!!!!

The simplest case: **linear systems**. In this case the phase portrait can be fully described.

$$X : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, \quad X(x) = A.x, \quad A \in \mathcal{M}(n), \quad \varphi(t, x) = e^{tA}x.$$

A particularity of linear systems is the absence of limit cycles. The study reduces to the study of eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix  $A$ . The origin is a singularity. There is a residual subset  $\mathcal{H}(n) \subset \mathcal{M}(n)$ , formed by the **hyperbolic vector fields**. The eigenvectors of  $A \in \mathcal{H}(n)$  generate invariant directions on the phase portrait. The sign of the real part of the eigenvalues determines if the origin is attracting or repelling.



General case: For non-linear systems the description of the phase portrait depends on several local techniques. In the neighborhood of regular points, we use the **flow box theorem** to determine the phase portrait. Essentially the phase portrait is equivalent to the one of the constant field  $Y = (1.0, \dots, 0)$ . In the neighborhood of hyperbolic singularities (those satisfying that  $JX \in \mathcal{H}(n)$ ) we can use the **Grobmann-Hartmann theorem**, which says that the phase portrait of  $X$  is equivalent to one of the linear part  $JX$  in a neighborhood of the origin.

When  $JX \notin \mathcal{H}(n)$  but has some nonzero eigenvalue we use the theorem of the central manifold. If  $n = 2$  and the eigenvalues are both zero we use the process of **blow up**. For polynomial systems we also can analyze the global phase portrait using the Poincaré compactification.

# When we can not apply the existence and uniqueness theorem

Some special systems:

- constrained systems or systems with impasse;
- implicit systems;
- slow-fast systems;
- non-smooth systems.

**System with impasse.** Consider  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $a_{ij}, f_i$  of class  $C^r$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ . A system with impasse (or **constrained system**) is

$$\begin{cases} a_{11}(x)\dot{x}_1 + \cdots + a_{1n}(x)\dot{x}_n & = & f_1(x) \\ & \vdots & \\ a_{n1}(x)\dot{x}_1 + \cdots + a_{nn}(x)\dot{x}_n & = & f_n(x) \end{cases}$$

In matrix notation  $A(x)\dot{x} = F(x)$  where  $A = (a_{ij})$  and  $F = (f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n)$  is a vector field. The points of  $\mathcal{I}_A = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \det A(x) = 0\}$  are called **impasse points**.

For example

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 1/2 \\ 0 & y-x \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{x-y} \begin{pmatrix} y-x & -1/2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2y \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{cases} x' = -x \\ y' = -2y \end{cases}, \quad \det A = 0 \Leftrightarrow x - y = 0 \Leftrightarrow y = x.$$

The phase portrait can be obtained by the phase portrait of **red system** by removing from its orbits the impasse points and inverting the orientation along orbits on regions where **det A** is negative.

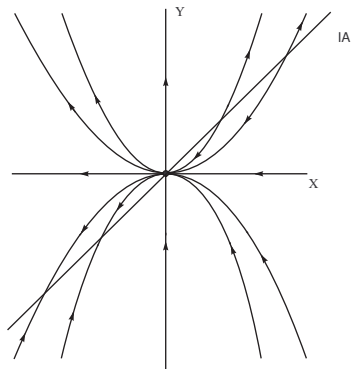


Figure 2: Phase portrait of a system with impasse

In the works of Sotomayor, Zhitomirskii and Llibre one can get the local phase portrait of a constrained system near impasse points in the generic case of class  $C^\infty$  systems. They also study structural stability of  $C^r$  and polynomial constrained systems and bifurcations of one-parameter families of constrained systems giving the stratification of the impasse surface for a generic family of constrained systems.

In the works of —, Cardin and Teixeira techniques of singular perturbation are used to analyse these systems.

## Implicit system.

$F : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $C^r$ ,  $r \geq 1$ ,  $0$  regular value of  $F$ .

$$M = \{(x, y, p) \in \mathbb{R}^3; F(x, y, p) = 0\}$$

is a  $C^r$ - manifold. Here  $p = \frac{dy}{dx}$ .

Our interest is when the derivative  $F_p(q) = 0$  at some  $q \in M$ .

$M$  as above:

$$q_0 = (x_0, y_0, p_0) \in M,$$

The **contact-plane** is

$$CP_{q_0} = \{T = (x, y, p) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : dy = p_0 dx\}.$$

Assume  $CP_{q_0}$  intersects  $T_{q_0}M$  in a line.

It defines a **direction field** on a neighborhood of  $q_0 \in M$ .



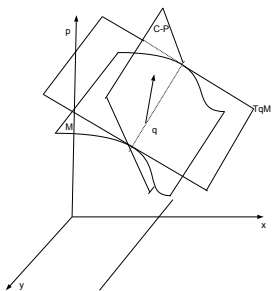


Figure 3: Directional field.

The **integral curves** of  $F(x, y, p) = 0$  are the integral curves of this direction field. To solve this equation it is necessary to find these curves.

A direction field, as described above, can be obtained taking the vector field

$$\xi = F_p \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + p F_p \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - (F_x + p F_y) \frac{\partial}{\partial p}. \quad (1)$$

The direction of the  $p$ -axis in the space  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is called **vertical direction**.

A point  $q \in M$  is said to be **regular** if it is not a critical point of  $\pi(x, y, p) = (x, y)$ . In other words, a point of  $M$  is regular if the tangent plane at this point is not vertical. The other points of the surface  $M$  are said **singular**. The set of singular points,  $\mathcal{C}$ , is called **criminant** of  $M$  and its image,  $\mathcal{D}$ , via the application  $\pi$ , is called the **discriminant**. Note that if  $q \in \mathcal{C}$  then  $F(q) = F_p(q) = 0$ . If  $F_{pp}(q) \neq 0$  then  $q$  is a **fold** point of  $F$ , and if  $F_{pp}(q) = 0$  and  $F_{ppp}(q) \neq 0$   $q$  it is a **cusps** point of  $F$ .

Consider the differential equation  $p^2 = x$ . In this case the surface  $M$  is a parabolic cylinder. The discriminant curve is the  $y$ -axis. In order to find the integral curves, we write down the conditions for  $dx$ ,  $dy$  and  $dp$  at the point  $q=(x,y,p)$  of the surface  $M$  :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} p^2 & = x, \quad \text{the condition } q \in M \\ 2pdp & = dx, \quad \text{the condition of tangence to } M \\ dy & = pdx, \quad \text{the condition of the contact plane} \end{array} \right.$$

Consequently, in coordinates  $(p,y)$ , the integral curves are determined from the equation  $dy = 2p^2 dp$ .

Hence, the integral curves on  $M$  are given by the relations  $y + C = \frac{2}{3}p^3$ ,  $x = p^2$ .

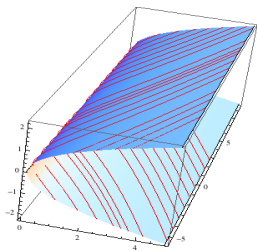


Figure 4: Integral curves on  $M$ .

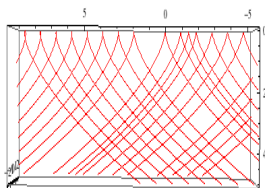


Figure 5: Projection of integral curves on the plane  $(x,y)$ .

## Geometric singular perturbation theory

$\varepsilon_0 > 0, U \times V \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n.$

$$\text{Slow System} \quad \begin{cases} \varepsilon \dot{x} &= f(x, y, \varepsilon) \\ \dot{y} &= g(x, y, \varepsilon) \end{cases}$$

with  $(x, y, \varepsilon) \subseteq U \times V \times (-\varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_0), f, g \in C^r, r \geq 1.$

$$\text{Fast System} \quad \begin{cases} x' &= f(x, y, \varepsilon) \\ y' &= \varepsilon g(x, y, \varepsilon) \end{cases}$$

Reduced system: Put  $\varepsilon = 0$  in the first equation!

$$\begin{cases} 0 & = f(x, y, \varepsilon) \\ \dot{y} & = g(x, y, \varepsilon) \end{cases}$$

The dimension problem is reduced :  $m + n \rightarrow n$ .

Another way to get a smaller dimension problem is considering  $\varepsilon = 0$  in the second equation. In this case we get a problem with dimension  $m$ .

$$\begin{cases} x' & = f(x, y, \varepsilon) \\ y' & = 0 \end{cases}$$

The set

$$\mathcal{M}_0 = \{(x, y, 0) \in U \times V \times \{0\} : f(x, y, 0) = 0\}$$

is called **slow manifold**.

If the rank of  $D_x f(x, y, 0)$  is  $m$  we have that  $\mathcal{M}_0$  is a graphic  $x = \psi(y)$  and the reduced system becomes

$$x = \psi(y), \quad \dot{y} = g(\psi(y), y, 0).$$



$\varepsilon$  can be considered as an additional variable:

$$S_\varepsilon : \begin{cases} x' &= f(x, y, \varepsilon) \\ y' &= \varepsilon g(x, y, \varepsilon) \\ \varepsilon' &= 0. \end{cases}$$

$(p_0, 0) \in \mathcal{M}_0$ . The linear part of the above system, with  $\varepsilon = 0$ , has the following matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} f_x & f_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\lambda = 0$  is the **trivial** eigenvalue with algebraic multiplicity  $n + 1$ . The remaining eigenvalues are called **non-trivial**. The number of non-trivial eigenvalues with real part negative, zero or positive is denoted by  $k^s$ ,  $k^c$ ,  $k^u$ .

We say that  $p_0$  is **normally hyperbolic** if all non-trivial eigenvalues are non-zero.

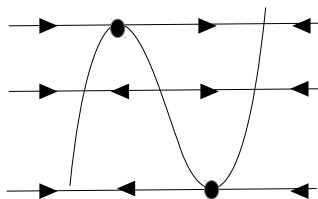


Figure 6: Fast flow and normally hyperbolic points.

Assuming normal hyperbolicity, Fenichel proved that all equilibrium points and invariant compact sets are preserved by singular perturbation. For example, suppose  $m = 1, n = 2$ , and reduced problem with a saddle occurring in a normally hyperbolic point  $p$  with  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(p) > 0$ . Then for  $\varepsilon \sim 0$  there exists an equilibrium point  $p_\varepsilon$  with stable dimension 1 and with unstable dimension 2 (one from the saddle and another from the fast flow)

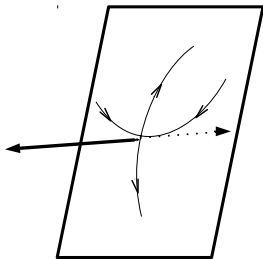


Figure 7: Fast and slow dynamics.

**Theorem. (Fenichel)** Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be a  $j$ -dimensional compact invariant manifold on the normally hyperbolic part of the slow manifold. Suppose that the stable and unstable manifolds of  $\mathcal{N}$ , with respect to the reduced system, have dimensions  $j + j^s$  and  $j + j^u$ , respectively. Then there exists a family of invariant manifolds  $\{\mathcal{N}_\varepsilon : \varepsilon \sim 0\}$  such that  $\mathcal{N}_0 = \mathcal{N}$  and  $\mathcal{N}_\varepsilon$  with stable and unstable manifolds with dimensions  $(j + j^s + k^s)$  and  $(j + j^u + k^u)$ .

**Example.** Fitzhugh–Nagumo equation.

$$\begin{cases} x_1' = x_2 \\ x_2' = cx_2 - f(x_1) + y \\ y' = \frac{\varepsilon}{c}(x_1 - \gamma y) \end{cases}$$

with  $f(x_1) = x_1(x_1 - a)(x_1 - 1)$ ,  $0 < a < \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $c > 0$  and  $0 < \varepsilon \ll 1$ .

We have **slow system**

$$x_2 = 0, \quad y = f(x_1), \quad \dot{y} = \frac{1}{c}(x_1 - \gamma y).$$

Take  $\gamma$  and  $a$  such that the intersection of  $x_1 = \gamma y$  with  $y = f(x_1)$  occurs in three points:  $0, P$  and  $Q$ . The reduced system has 5 equilibrium:  $0, P, Q, S$  and  $I$ . The sign of  $\dot{y}$  determines if the equilibrium are attracting or repelling .

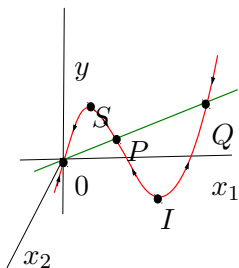


Figure 8: Slow flow of the Fitzhugh–Nagumo equation



The fast system is obtained taking  $\varepsilon = 0$  in the original system

$$x_1' = x_2, \quad x_2' = cx_2 - f(x_1) + y, \quad y' = 0.$$

The jacobian matrix is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -f'(x_1) & c & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

with eigenvalues  $0, \frac{c + \sqrt{c^2 - 4f'(x_1)}}{2}$  and  $\frac{c - \sqrt{c^2 - 4f'(x_1)}}{2}$ .

There exist 5 equilibria but only 3 unfold for  $\varepsilon > 0$ :

$$0 = (0, 0, 0), \quad P = (p, 0, f(p)), \quad Q = (q, 0, f(q)).$$

The equilibria  $0, P$  and  $Q$  are normally hyperbolic and

$$S = (s, 0, f(s)) \quad I = (i, 0, f(i))$$

don't. More precisely,  $f'(x_1) = 0$  for  $x_1 = s$  and  $x_1 = i$  and thus the jacobian matrix has two zero eigenvalues.

Denote  $j^u$  and  $j^s$  the number of eigenvalues with positive and negative real parts, respectively, considering the slow system. Moreover denote by  $k^u$  and  $k^s$  the number of eigenvalues with positive and negative real parts, respectively, considering the fast system. Thus  $0, P$  and  $Q$  satisfy

- $j^u(0) = 0, j^s(0) = 1, k^u(0) = 2, k^s(0) = 0;$
- $j^u(P) = 0, j^s(P) = 1, k^u(P) = 2, k^s(P) = 0;$
- $j^u(Q) = 0, j^s(Q) = 1, k^u(Q) = 1, k^s(Q) = 1 .$

For  $\varepsilon > 0$  the perturbations  $0_\varepsilon = 0$ ,  $P_\varepsilon = P$  and  $Q_\varepsilon = Q$  satisfy

- the local stable manifold of  $0_\varepsilon$  has dimension 1 and the local unstable manifold of  $0_\varepsilon$  has dimension 2.
- the local stable manifold of  $P_\varepsilon$  has dimension 1 and the local unstable manifold of  $Q_\varepsilon$  has dimension 2.
- the local stable manifold of  $Q_\varepsilon$  has dimension 2 and the local unstable manifold of  $P_\varepsilon$  has dimension 1.

**Theorem.**  $\exists \varepsilon_1 > 0$  and a smooth function  $c = c(\varepsilon)$ ,  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_1)$  such that the Fitzhugh–Nagumu equation has a heteroclinic orbit connecting  $0_\varepsilon$  and  $Q_\varepsilon$  for  $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_1$ .

We say *singular orbit* any orbit with three parts

- one part in the stable manifold of  $p_1$  of the reduced system;
- one part in the unstable manifold of  $p_2$  of the reduced system;
- one orbit of the fast system connecting the two parts above.

Denote  $\mathcal{W}_1^u$  the unstable manifold of  $p_1$ , for the slow system. Denote  $\mathcal{N}_1^u$  the unstable manifold, via fast flow ( joining the orbits from  $\mathcal{W}_1^u$ ). Analogously, we define  $\mathcal{W}_2^s$  and  $\mathcal{N}_2^s$ .

**Theorem (Szmolyan)** If  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are normally hyperbolic and  $\mathcal{N}_1^u \cap \mathcal{N}_2^s$  then there exists one orbit of  $S_\varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon \sim 0$ , connecting  $p_1^\varepsilon$  and  $p_2^\varepsilon$ .

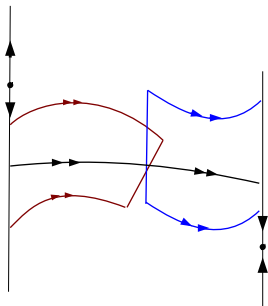


Figure 9: Singular orbit.

**Dumortier and Roussarie** studied, via GSP-theory, the **canard phenomenon** in **Van der Pol's equation**

$$\varepsilon \ddot{x} + (x^2 + x)\dot{x} + x - a = 0.$$

Essentially the phenomenon is the rapid growth of a limit cycle that was created in a **Hopf bifurcation**. Consider the change of variable

$$y = \varepsilon \dot{x} + \int_0^x (\xi + \xi^2) d\xi.$$

$$X_{\varepsilon, a} = \begin{cases} x' & = y - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \\ y' & = \varepsilon(a - x) \end{cases}$$

For  $\varepsilon = 0$  the vector field  $X_{0,a}$  has a curve  $L = \{y = \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3}\}$  of singularities and out of  $L$  the flow is horizontal. Excluding  $n = (-1, \frac{1}{6})$  and  $s = (0, 0)$ , all singularities on  $L$  are normally hyperbolic. The bifurcation diagram of  $X_{\varepsilon,a}$  with  $\varepsilon > 0$ : At  $H = \{a = 0\}$  and  $H' = \{a = -1\}$  occur Hopf bifurcations. Between  $H$  and  $H'$ ,  $X_{\varepsilon,a}$  has an unstable singularity  $(a, \frac{a^2}{2} + \frac{a^3}{3})$  and an attracting limit cycle  $\Gamma_{\varepsilon,a}$  around it. Outside this region the system has a stable singularity  $(a, \frac{a^2}{2} + \frac{a^3}{3})$ .



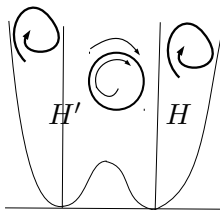


Figure 10: Bifurcation diagram of the Van der Pol's equation

**Theorem.** There exists a curve  $C_0 = \{a = c_0(\varepsilon)\}$  with  $c_0(\varepsilon) = \sqrt{\varepsilon}\bar{a}(\sqrt{\varepsilon})$  and  $\bar{a} \in C^\infty$  with  $\bar{a}'(0) = -1$  such that for a continuous curve  $C = \{a = c(\varepsilon)\}$  with  $c(\varepsilon) \leq 0$  and  $c(0) \in [-\frac{1}{2}, 0]$  we have:

$$a) \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \Gamma_{\varepsilon, c(\varepsilon)} = \Gamma_0 \iff \text{for small } \varepsilon > 0 : c(\varepsilon) > c_0(\varepsilon), \quad \text{and}$$

$$\overline{\lim}(-\varepsilon \log(c(\varepsilon) - c_0(\varepsilon))) \leq 0;$$

$$b) \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \Gamma_{\varepsilon, c(\varepsilon)} = \Gamma_B \iff \text{for small } \varepsilon > 0 : c(\varepsilon) < c_0(\varepsilon), \quad \text{and}$$

$$\overline{\lim}(-\varepsilon \log(c_0(\varepsilon) - c(\varepsilon))) \leq 0.$$

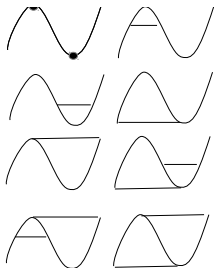


Figure 11: What happens with  $\Gamma_{\varepsilon,a}$  when  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ ? The first is  $s$  and we denote  $\Gamma_0$ . The last is the **big**,  $\Gamma_B$ . The intermediaries are the **canards**

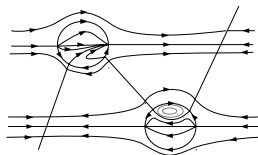


Figure 12: Blowing-up the non-normally hyperbolic points.

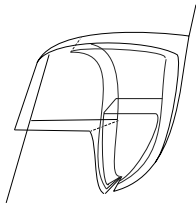


Figure 13: Saturing by the flow.

## Flows defined by differential equations with discontinuous righthand side

From now on we will consider only discontinuous vector fields. We refer it also as **Nonsmooth Dynamical System** or **Piecewise Smooth System**.

One of the most important researchers on this subject is **Teixeira**. He introduced, joint with **Sotomayor**, a regularization process. Moreover, they made a systematic study, inspired by **Peixoto's Theorem**, of the structural stability of these systems.

To fix our ideas, we suppose that our equation is as follows

$$\dot{p} = X(p), \quad p \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

with **switching** on  $\Sigma = \{F = 0\}$ , 0 being a regular value of  $F$ .

- $\Sigma_+ = \{F > 0\}$     $\Sigma_- = \{F < 0\}$
- $X = X_+$  in  $\Sigma_+$  and  $X = X_-$  in  $\Sigma_-$ .

**Sliding** occurs when for any initial condition near  $\Sigma$  the corresponding solution trajectories are attracted to  $\Sigma$ .

Given  $p \in \Sigma_i, i = +, -$ , the orbit through  $p$  is formed by the orbit of  $X_i$  through  $p$  on  $\Sigma_i$  and if the orbit intersects  $\Sigma$  then we follow the **Fillipov convention**, which the regions in  $\Sigma$  given by classified as:

- **Sliding Region:**  $\Sigma^{sl} = \{p \in \Sigma : X_+.F < 0, X_-F > 0\}$ . Any orbit which meets  $\Sigma^{sl}$  remains tangent to  $\Sigma$  for positive time.
- **Escaping Region:**  $\Sigma^{es} = \{p \in \Sigma : X_+.F > 0, X_-F < 0\}$ . Any orbit which meets  $\Sigma^{es}$  remains tangent to  $\Sigma$  for negative time.
- **Sewing Region:**  $\Sigma^{sw} = \{p \in \Sigma : (X_+.F)(X_-F) > 0\}$ . Any orbit which meets  $\Sigma^{sw}$  crosses  $\Sigma$ .



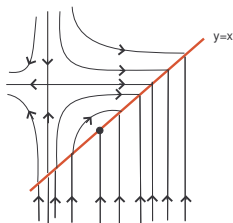


Figure 14: Flow of a discontinuous differential equations

On  $\Sigma^{sl} \cup \Sigma^{es}$  the flow slides on  $\Sigma$ ; it follows  $X^\Sigma$  called **sliding vector field**. The sliding is on the convex combination of  $X_+$  and  $X_-$  and it is tangent to  $\Sigma$ .

## Regularization of non-smooth systems

**Example.**  $X^- = (x + 1, -y + 1)$  and  $X^+ = (0, 1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .  $X = X^-$  if  $y > x$ , and  $X = X^+$  if  $y < x$ . On  $\Sigma = \{(x, x); x \in \mathbb{R}\}$   $X$  is bivaluated.

$(x, x) \in \Sigma$  with  $x < 0$  are **sewing points** and  $(x, x) \in \Sigma$  with  $x > 0$  are **sliding points**.

Rotation of angle  $\pi/4$ :

$$Y^+ = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(-1, 1), \quad x > 0; \quad Y^- = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}(x + y, x - y + 2), \quad x < 0.$$

$\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (-1, 1)$  given by  $\varphi(s) = \frac{2}{\pi} \arctan(s)$  satisfies  $\varphi'(s) > 0$  for  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \pm\infty} \varphi(s) = \pm 1$ . On  $\tilde{\Sigma} = \{x = 0\}$  we apply the **regularization**

$$((\dot{x}, \dot{y}), \dot{\varepsilon}) = (Y_\varepsilon, 0)$$

where

$$Y_\varepsilon = \frac{Y^+ + Y^-}{2} + \varphi\left(\frac{x}{\varepsilon}\right) \frac{Y^+ - Y^-}{2}.$$

With a **blow up** we get a **singular perturbation problem**

$$x = r \cos \theta, \quad \varepsilon = r \sin \theta, \quad r \geq 0, \theta \in [0, \pi].$$

$$\begin{aligned} r\dot{\theta} &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} \sin \theta (1 - r \cos \theta - y + \varphi(\cot \theta)(1 + r \cos \theta + y)), \\ \dot{y} &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} (3 + r \cos \theta - y + \varphi(\cot \theta)(-1 - r \cos \theta + y)). \end{aligned}$$

$\lambda(\theta) = \varphi(\cot \theta)$  is a **decreasing continuous function** connecting  $(\theta, \lambda) = (0, 1)$  and  $(\theta, \lambda) = (\pi, -1)$ . With  $r = 0$  in the first equation we get  $\varphi(\cot \theta) = \frac{y-1}{y+1}$ , connecting  $(\theta, y) = (0, 0)$  and  $(\theta, y) = (\pi, \infty)$ . The **slow flow** is

$$\dot{y} = (3 - y) + \frac{y - 1}{y + 1}(y - 1) > 0.$$

The **fast flow** is  $\theta' = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} \sin \theta \cdot (1 - y + \varphi(\cot \theta)(1 + y))$ .

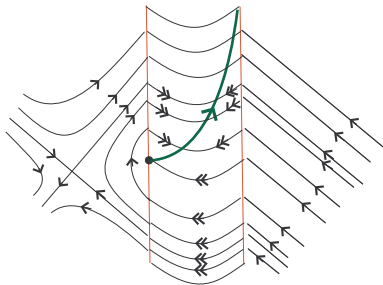


Figure 15: Phase portrait on the singular set.

## Local analysis when discontinuities occur on an algebraic variety.

**First case: regular switching.** Consider  $\dot{p} = X(p), p \in \mathbb{R}^3$  with

$$\Sigma = \{z = 0\}, \Sigma_+ = \{z > 0\}, \Sigma_- = \{z < 0\},$$

$$X_+ = (f_1, g_1, h_1), \quad X_- = (f_2, g_2, h_2)$$

$X^\Sigma$  defined by

$$X^\Sigma = \frac{1}{h_1 - h_2} (h_1 f_2 - h_2 f_1, h_1 g_2 - h_2 g_1). \quad (2)$$

**Theorem** (Regular sliding) *There exists a singular perturbation problem*

$$r\dot{\theta} = \alpha(x, y, \theta, r), \quad \dot{x} = \beta(x, y, \theta, r), \quad \dot{y} = \gamma(x, y, \theta, r) \quad (3)$$

with  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\theta \in (0, \pi)$ ,  $r \geq 0$ , such that the *slow manifold*

$$\mathcal{S} = \{\alpha(x, y, \theta, 0) = 0\}$$

and  $\Sigma^{sl} \cup \Sigma^{es}$  are *homeomorphic* and the *reduced problem* obtained considering  $r = 0$  in (3) and the *sliding vector field* (2) are *topologically equivalent*.

## Proof.

- Step 1. A **transition function**  $\varphi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable function satisfying that  $\varphi(s) = 1$ , for  $s \geq 1$  ;  $\varphi(s) = -1$  for  $s \leq -1$  and  $\varphi'(s) > 0$   $\forall s \in (-1, 1)$ .
- Step 2. **Regularization process:**

$$X_\varepsilon = \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \varphi \left( \frac{z}{\varepsilon} \right) \right] X_+ \left[ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \varphi \left( \frac{z}{\varepsilon} \right) \right] X_-.$$

- Step 3. **Blow up**

$$z = r \cos \theta, \quad \varepsilon = r \sin \theta, \quad r \geq 0, \quad \varepsilon \in [0, \pi].$$



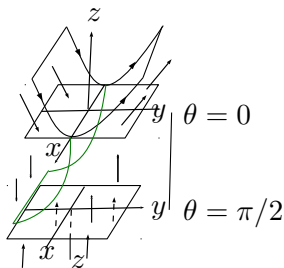


Figure 16: Slow-fast system. Double arrow represents fast flow. The green surface is the slow manifold which is homeomorphic to the sliding region  $\Sigma^{sl}$ .

The geometric interpretation of our result is as follows. By means of a **polar blow up** we may replace the discontinuity  $\Sigma$  by the cylinder  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times [0, \pi]$ . In this cylinder we draw the phase portrait of the **fast-slow** system (3), which is composed by a **slow manifold** and a **vertical fast flow**. On the **slow manifold** we have the phase portrait of the **reduced system**. The projection of the **slow manifold** on the surface  $\Sigma$  coincides with the **sliding region** and the **reduced system** has the same phase portrait as the **sliding system**.

The **sliding vector field** idealized by Filippov can not be uniquely extended for a **self-intersecting switching manifold**. However the following theorems say that for each **double, triple, cone or Whitney** discontinuity, we are able to, after a finite number of blow-ups, reduce the study to the regular case. Consequently we have a sliding vector field well defined.

## Second case: critical switching.

- $X$  defined in  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  with switching set  $\Sigma$ .
- $\tilde{\mathcal{U}}$  neighborhood of  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^3$  and a  $C^\infty$ -diffeomorphism  $\phi : \tilde{\mathcal{U}} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ .
- $\phi$  induces  $\tilde{X} = (\tilde{X}_+, \tilde{X}_-)$  on  $\tilde{\mathcal{U}}$  with  $\tilde{X}_i(\tilde{p}) = d\phi^{-1}X_i(p), i = +, -$ .

The  $\phi$ -induced vector fields are determined by  $\tilde{X}_+$  and  $\tilde{X}_-$  on  $\phi^{-1}(\Sigma_+)$  and on  $\phi^{-1}(\Sigma_-)$ , respectively. Besides, the switching manifold is  $\tilde{\Sigma} = \phi^{-1}(\Sigma)$ .

We restrict the degeneracy of the singularity so as to admit only those which appear when the regularity conditions in the definition of smooth surfaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  in terms of implicit functions and immersions are broken in a stable manner. In this case  $\Sigma$  is locally diffeomorphic to one of the following sets

- $\mathcal{D} = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3; xy = 0\}$  (double crossing);
- $\mathcal{T} = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3; xyz = 0\}$  (triple crossing);
- $\mathcal{C} = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3; z^2 - x^2 - y^2 = 0\}$  (cone) or
- $\mathcal{W} = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3; zx^2 - y^2 = 0\}$  (Whitney's umbrella).

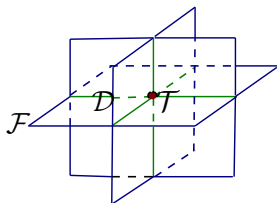


Figure 17: Regular (blue), double (green) and triple (bold) crossing switching points

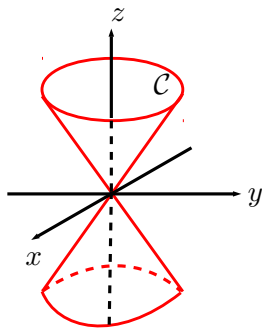


Figure 18: Cone ( $\mathcal{C}$ ) switching manifold.

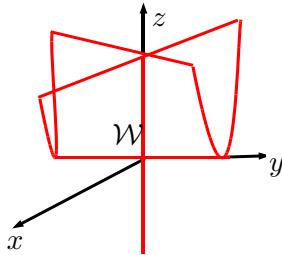


Figure 19: Whitney's umbrella ( $\mathcal{W}$ ) switching manifold.

**Theorem.** Suppose that  $\Sigma = \mathcal{D}$ . The map

$$\phi : \mathbb{S}^1 \times [0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

given by  $\phi(\theta, r, z) = (r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta, z)$  induces a vector field  $\tilde{X}$  satisfying that any discontinuity  $q \in \tilde{\Sigma}$  is *regular*.

**Theorem.** Suppose that  $\Sigma = \mathcal{T}$ . The map  $\phi : (0, \pi) \times (0, 2\pi) \times [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by

$$\phi(q) = \phi(\theta_1, \theta_2, r) = (r \sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2, r \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2, r \cos \theta_1)$$

induces a non-smooth vector field  $\tilde{X}$  satisfying that any discontinuity  $q \in \tilde{\Sigma}$  is either *regular* or a *double crossing*.



**Theorem.** Suppose that  $\Sigma = \mathcal{C}$ . The map  $\phi : (0, \pi) \times (0, 2\pi) \times [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by

$$\phi(q) = \phi(\theta_1, \theta_2, r) = (r \sin \theta_1 \cos \theta_2, r \sin \theta_1 \sin \theta_2, r \cos \theta_1)$$

induces a non-smooth vector field  $\tilde{X}$  satisfying that any discontinuity  $q \in \tilde{\Sigma}$  with  $\phi(q) \neq 0$  is regular. Moreover the switching manifold on  $(0, \pi) \times (0, 2\pi) \times \{0\}$  is homeomorphic to two non-intersecting circles.

**Theorem.** Suppose that  $\Sigma = \mathcal{W}$ . The map

$$\phi : \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

given by

$$\phi(u, v, w) = (u, uv, w)$$

induces a non-smooth vector field  $\tilde{X}$  satisfying that any discontinuity  $q \in \tilde{\Sigma}$  with  $u \neq 0$  is *regular*. Moreover, if  $q \in \tilde{\Sigma}$  is a discontinuity with  $u^2 + w^2 = 0$  then  $q$  is a *double crossing*.

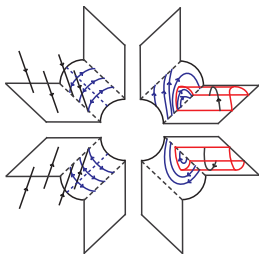


Figure 20: Switching curves on  $S^2$  after blow up - case  $\mathcal{D}$ .

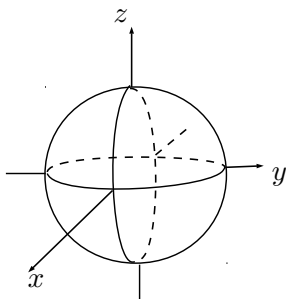


Figure 21: Switching curves on  $S^2$  after blow up - case  $\mathcal{T}$ .

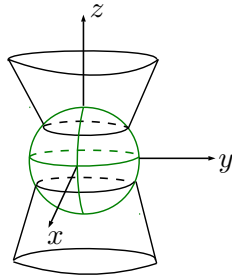


Figure 22: Switching manifold after blow up - case  $\mathcal{C}$ .

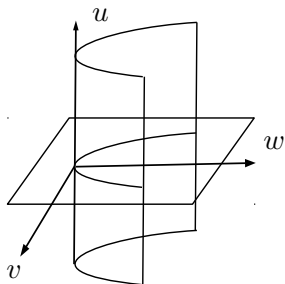


Figure 23: Switching manifold after blow up - case  $\mathcal{W}$ .

**Local analysis considering non-regular regularization**  $(M, \Sigma, X)$  is a **PSVF** with  $M$  being an open set on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\Sigma = h^{-1}(0)$  for some  $C^r$   $h : M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .  $[X_-(p), X_+(p)]$  is the **convex combination** of  $X_-(p)$  and  $X_+(p)$ :

$$[X_-, X_+] = \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \right) X_+ + \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\lambda}{2} \right) X_- : \lambda \in [-1, 1] \right\}.$$

A **continuous combination** of  $X_-$  and  $X_+$  is a 1-parameter family of vector fields  $\tilde{X}(\lambda, p)$ ,  $C^r, r \geq 1$ , with  $(\lambda, p) \in [-1, 1] \times M$ , and satisfying that  $\tilde{X}(-1, p) = X_-(p)$ ,  $\tilde{X}(1, p) = X_+(p)$ . We denote

$$[X_-, X_+]^c = \{ \tilde{X}(\lambda, p), \lambda \in [-1, 1] \}.$$

Let  $X^\varepsilon$  be a regularization of  $X$ .

- (a) We say that  $X^\varepsilon$  is of the kind **Filippov** if  $X^\varepsilon(p) \in [X_-(p), X_+(p)]$ , for any  $p \in M$ .
- (b) We say that  $X^\varepsilon$  is of the kind **Nonlinear** if there exists a continuous combination such that  $[X_-, X_+]^c \neq [X_-, X_+]$  and  $X^\varepsilon(p) \in [X_-(p), X_+(p)]^c$ , for any  $p \in M$ .



(a) We say that  $p$  is a *c-sewing* point and denote  $p \in \Sigma_c^{sw}$  if

$$(\tilde{X}.h)(p) \neq 0, \quad \forall \lambda \in [-1, 1].$$

(b) We say that  $p$  is a *c-sliding* point and denote  $p \in \Sigma_c^{sl}$  if

$$\exists \lambda \in [-1, 1], \quad (\tilde{X}.h)(p) = 0.$$

**Proposition 1.**  $\Sigma_c^{sw} \subseteq \Sigma^{sw}$  and  $\Sigma_c^{sl} \subseteq \Sigma^{sl}$ .

For each  $p \in \Sigma_c^{sl}$  there exists  $\lambda(p) \in [-1, 1]$  such that  $(\tilde{X}.h)(p) = 0$ . We say that  $\tilde{X}(\lambda(p), p)$  is a *c-sliding vector field*.

**Example.**  $h(x, y) = y$ ,  $X_+ = (1, 1 - x)$  and  $X_- = (1, 3 - x)$ .

$$\tilde{X} = (-1 + 2\lambda^2, -x - \lambda + 2\lambda^2).$$

Two possible sliding vector fields

$$X^{\lambda_1} = \left( \frac{-3 + 4x + \sqrt{1 + 8x}}{4}, 0 \right) \quad X^{\lambda_2} = \left( \frac{-3 + 4x - \sqrt{1 + 8x}}{4}, 0 \right).$$

$$\Sigma^{sl} = (1, 3), \quad \Sigma_c^{sl} = \left(-\frac{1}{8}, 1\right) \cup (1, 3).$$

In  $\left(-\frac{1}{8}, 1\right)$  are defined two **c-sliding vector fields** ( $X^{\lambda_1}$  and  $X^{\lambda_2}$ ) and on  $(1, 3)$  is defined only  $X^{\lambda_2}$ .

A **nonlinear regularization** of  $X_-$  and  $X_+$  is the 1-parameter family

$$X^\varepsilon = \tilde{X}\left(\varphi\left(\frac{h}{\varepsilon}\right), p\right).$$

Note that if  $h > \varepsilon$  then  $\varphi\left(\frac{h}{\varepsilon}\right) = 1$  and  $X^\varepsilon = X_+$ ; and if  $h < -\varepsilon$  then  $\varphi\left(\frac{h}{\varepsilon}\right) = -1$  and  $X^\varepsilon = X_-$ . The regularization of the the kind nonlinear does not depend of the transition function considered.

**Teorema 2.** *There exists a **singular perturbation problem***

$$r\dot{\theta} = \alpha(r, \theta, p), \quad \dot{p} = \beta(r, \theta, p), \quad (4)$$

with  $r \geq 0, \theta \in [0, \pi], p \in \Sigma_c^{sl}$  and **slow manifold**  $\mathcal{S}$  satisfying that the following.

- (a) For any  $p \in \Sigma_c^{sl}$  there exist homeomorphic neighborhoods  $p \in I_p$  and  $\mathcal{S}_p \subset \mathcal{S}$ . A **sliding vector field**  $\tilde{X}(\lambda(p), p)$  is defined in  $I_p$  and it is  **$C^r$  - equivalent** to the **slow flow** on  $\mathcal{S}_p \subset \mathcal{S}$ .
- (b) For any  $p \in \Sigma_c^{sl}$  consider  $\ell = \#\{\theta \in (0, \pi) : (\theta, p) \in \mathcal{S}\}$ . There exist  $\ell$  choices of sliding vector fields defined in  $p$ .
- (c) Iff all points on  $\mathcal{S}$  are **normally hyperbolic** and  $\mathcal{S}$  has only one connected component then there exists only one choice for the sliding vector field in  $\Sigma_c^s$ .

**Example.**  $X = (X_+, X_-)$  as in previous Example.

$$X^\varepsilon = \tilde{X}\left(\varphi\left(\frac{y}{\varepsilon}\right), x, y\right).$$

The trajectories of  $X^\varepsilon$  satisfies the system

$$x' = -1 + 2\varphi\left(\frac{y}{\varepsilon}\right)^2, \quad y' = -x - \varphi\left(\frac{y}{\varepsilon}\right) + 2\varphi\left(\frac{y}{\varepsilon}\right)^2.$$

Consider the **blow up**  $y = r \cos \theta$  and  $\varepsilon = r \sin \theta$  with  $r \geq 0$  and  $\theta \in [0, \pi]$ . Thus, denoting  $\psi(\theta) = \varphi(\cot \theta)$ , the system becomes

$$r\dot{\theta} = -x - \psi(\theta) + 2\psi(\theta)^2, \quad \dot{x} = -1 + 2\psi(\theta)^2.$$

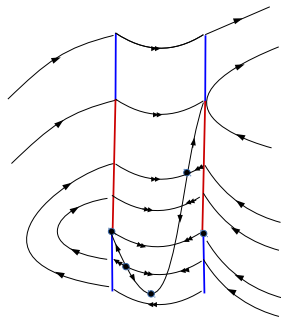
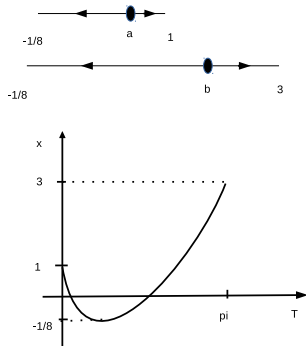


Figure 24: Sewing (blue) and sliding (red) regions.

The **slow manifold** is given by

$$x = -\psi(\theta)(2\psi(\theta) - 1).$$

$x$  is a smooth curve connecting  $(\theta, x) = (0, 1)$  and  $(\theta, x) = (\pi, 3)$ .  $x' = \psi'(4\psi - 1)$  and it is zero if  $\psi = \frac{1}{4}$ . In this case  $x = -\frac{1}{8}$ . The **slow flow** is given by

$$x' = \frac{-3 + 4x \pm \sqrt{1 + 8x}}{4}$$

which is exactly the same expression of the sliding  $X^{\lambda_1}$  and  $X^{\lambda_2}$ .

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