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Excluding chaos by regularizing a macro model with Hicksian nonlinearity

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Abstract

A piecewise linear macro model with *ceilings* and *floors* is perturbed in the way of regularization to interpret economic reality more reasonably. Hopf bifurcations for these perturbed models are obtained, excluding chaos which, as is well known, takes place in the unperturbed version. The study reveals the non-chaotic nature of the model.

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1 Introduction

In this paper, we consider a macro model introduced by Simonovits (1982) [1], based on an earlier version by Honkapohja and Ito (1980) [2]. The model describes an economy with two markets, one for labor and one for consumer goods and its qualitative aspects have been analyzed by Hommes and Nusse [3] and Hommes [4].

For clarity, we briefly recall the assumptions in [1]. Let L_t stand for the employment and I_t the inventory at time t, where t is a nonnegative integer. Assume that $Y_t^D = a + bL_t$ is the demand for goods and $Y_t = \delta L_t$ is the production, where a, b, and δ are positive constants. The firms are assumed to have static expectations of the demand for goods, that is, $E[Y_{t+1}^D] = Y_t^D$. The desired inventory I_{t+1}^* is considered to be proportional to the expected demand, so that $I_{t+1}^* = \beta E[Y_{t+1}^D]$, $\beta > 0$. The supply and demand balance reads

$$\begin{cases} Y_{t+1} = E(Y_{t+1}^D) + I_{t+1}^* - I_t, \\ I_{t+1} = Y_{t+1} + I_t - Y_{t+1}^D, \end{cases}$$

which implies the following linear macro model:

$$\begin{cases} L_{t+1} = \frac{1}{\delta} [(\beta + 1)(a + bL_t) - I_t], \\ I_{t+1} = \frac{\delta - b}{\delta} [(\beta + 1)(a + bL_t) - I_t] + I_t - a. \end{cases}$$
(1.1)

In addition, it is assumed that the productivity of labor is larger than the marginal propensity to consume, that is,

$$\delta > b. \tag{1.2}$$

With the above assumptions, (1.1) has the so-called Keynesian unemployment equilibrium

$$(L_t, I_t) \equiv E_0(\beta) := \left(\frac{a}{\delta - b}, \frac{\beta a \delta}{\delta - b}\right),$$

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at which (1.1) has two complex eigenvalues with their product being $b(\beta + 1)/\delta$. Thus when $\beta > \beta_0 \equiv \delta/b - 1$, $E_0(\beta)$ is unstable.

Now assume that the supply of labor is a constant *d*, being the full-employment ceiling and that the production at full employment ($L_t = d$) is larger than demand, that is,

$$(\delta - b)d - a > 0. \tag{1.3}$$

Considering the constraints $0 \le L_t \le d$ and $I_t \ge 0$, Simonovits [1] introduced the following piecewise linear model:

$$(\mathcal{M}_0) \begin{cases} L_{t+1} = \min\{d, \max\{0, \frac{1}{\delta}[(\beta+1)(a+bL_t) - I_t]\}\}, \\ I_{t+1} = \max\{0, (\delta-b)\min\{d, \max\{0, \frac{1}{\delta}[(\beta+1)(a+bL_t) - I_t]\}\} + I_t - a\}. \end{cases}$$

This nonlinear model still has $E_0(\beta)$ as its unique equilibrium. By assumptions (1.2) and (1.3), it is easy to show that $E_0(\beta)$ has a neighborhood lying in an area where the equations of (\mathcal{M}_0) are identical to those of (1.1) and then it is unstable for $\beta > \beta_0$.

With 'ceilings' and 'floors' imposed on a linear system, the nonlinearity of the model (\mathcal{M}_0) is called a Hicksian nonlinearity. Hommes and Nusse [3] and Hommes [4] have shown that when $\beta > \beta_0$ there exists a stable periodic orbit, a quasi-periodic attractor or a chaotic attractor for a certain range of the parameters. The research on the dynamics of economic models with Hicksian nonlinearity has attracted many economists and mathematicians (see [5–9]).

On the other hand, it is noted that such a model as (\mathcal{M}_0) presents some peculiarities. For example, its attractor contains a segment where L_t equals d, implying the occurrence of full employment (see [4]). However, full employment is thought to be unrealistic since, ascribed to the diversity of financial restrictions, the nonexistence of a common ceiling for the production of consumption and investment goods, and so on, the non-homogeneity of employments is ubiquitous in the production sectors (see [9–12]).

Another peculiarity that needs to be mentioned is the presence of the area of pure linearity around the equilibrium, which makes the bifurcation problem mathematically degenerate and prevents one from investigating the dynamic nature of such a model (see [12]).

Thus, some methods of modifying the models with Hicksian nonlinearities have been proposed to interpret the 'ceilings' and the 'floors' more reasonably (see [10–12]). One kind of these methods is to regularize such a model by smoothing out the corners at the ceilings and the floors without substantially modifying the assumptions of the model, but including some realistic situations. The regularization method was introduced by Saura *et al.* (1998) [12]. In [12], a piecewise linear economic model is perturbed in the way of regularization and its non-chaotic dynamic property is proved to be persistent against smoothing, which shows that this model is non-chaotic in nature. How about the nature of the dynamics of the economy stated above? Do the chaotic behaviors of the model (\mathcal{M}_0) survive smoothing?

Following the ideal of Saura *et al.* [12], in this paper the model (\mathcal{M}_0) is regularized. Hopf bifurcations for the regularized models are obtained, excluding chaos which takes place in (\mathcal{M}_0). The result implies that the model has a non-chaotic nature.

This paper is organized as follows. The regularized models of (\mathcal{M}_0) and the bifurcation results are presented in the following section. The proof of the results is given in Section 3, and a bifurcation theorem used here is given in the Appendix.

Throughout this paper, we always assume that the positive numbers *a*, *b*, *d*, δ , and β satisfy (1.2) and (1.3).

2 Regularized models and bifurcations

In this section, we first introduce the regularized models and then state the bifurcation results.

2.1 Regularized models

For brevity, denote $M(x) = \max\{x, 0\}$, $m(x) = \min\{x, d\}$, $\mu(x) = m(M(x))$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\gamma(\beta, x, y) = [(\beta + 1)(a + bx) - y]/\delta$ for $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Then (\mathcal{M}_0) is rewritten into the form

$$(\mathcal{M}_0) \quad \begin{cases} L_{t+1} = \mu(\gamma(\beta, L_t, I_t)), \\ I_{t+1} = M((\delta - b)\mu(\gamma(\beta, L_t, I_t)) + I_t - a). \end{cases}$$

Denote $w_0 = a/(\delta - b)$ and $z_0 = a\delta/b$, that is, $(w_0, z_0) = E_0(\beta_0)$. Then $z_0 > 0$ and, by (1.3), $w_0 \in (0, d)$, which implies that (w_0, z_0) possesses a neighborhood where, for β close to β_0 , the equations of (\mathcal{M}_0) are identical to those of (1.1). This is essential for the regularization and the analysis to work.

In the light of the regularization method introduced in [12], two families of C^4 -smooth functions $M_{\epsilon}(\cdot)$ and $m_{\epsilon}(\cdot)$ are employed to approximate $M(\cdot)$ and $m(\cdot)$, respectively, where ϵ is a small positive number. We assume the following hypotheses:

- (H₁) $M_{\epsilon}(x) \to M_0(x) := M(x) \ (\epsilon \to 0^+)$, and for j = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 the function $(\epsilon, x) \mapsto M_{\epsilon}^{(j)}(x)$ are continuous in a neighborhood of $(\epsilon, x) = (0, w_0)$ as well as in a neighborhood of $(\epsilon, x) = (0, z_0)$;
- (H₂) $m_{\epsilon}(x) \rightarrow m_0(x) := m(x) \ (\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+)$, and for j = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 the functions $(\epsilon, x) \mapsto m_{\epsilon}^{(j)}(x)$ are continuous in a neighborhood of $(\epsilon, x) = (0, w_0)$;
- (H₃) $0 < m'_{\epsilon}(x), M'_{\epsilon}(x) < 1$, $\lim_{x \to -\infty} m'_{\epsilon}(x) = \lim_{x \to +\infty} M'_{\epsilon}(x) = 1$;
- (H₄) there exists \underline{z} , $0 < \underline{z} < \min\{w_0, z_0\}$, such that $M_{\epsilon}''(x) > 0$, $M_{\epsilon}'''(x) < 0$ and $M_{\epsilon}^{(4)}(x) > 0$ for every $x \in (\underline{z}, +\infty)$;
- (H₅) there exists \overline{w} , $w_0 < \overline{w} < d$, such that $m_{\epsilon}^{(j)}(x) < 0$, $x \in (-\infty, \overline{w})$, j = 2, 3, 4.

Here, the hypotheses (H_1) - (H_3) describe the closeness between $M_{\epsilon}(\cdot)$ and $M_0(\cdot)$ as well as between $m_{\epsilon}(\cdot)$ and $m_0(\cdot)$ (see Figure 1). To explain the hypotheses (H_4) and (H_5) , we notice that the step functions $M'_0(x)$ and $m'_0(x)$ are approximated by smooth *S*-shaped curves $M'_{\epsilon}(x)$ and $m'_{\epsilon}(x)$, respectively. Thus, it is natural that $M'_{\epsilon}(x)$, as indicated in (H_4) , is increasing and concave with decreasing curvature on $(\underline{z}, +\infty)$ (see Figure 2). Similarly (H_5) is also a natural hypothesis for $m_{\epsilon}(x)$.





Denote $\mu_{\epsilon}(x) = m_{\epsilon}(M_{\epsilon}(x))$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$. By replacing $\mu(\cdot)$ and $M(\cdot)$ in (\mathcal{M}_0) with $\mu_{\epsilon}(\cdot)$ and $M_{\epsilon}(\cdot)$, respectively, we get the following regularized model:

$$(\mathcal{M}_{\epsilon}) \quad \begin{cases} L_{t+1} = \mu_{\epsilon}(\gamma(\beta, L_t, I_t)), \\ I_{t+1} = M_{\epsilon}((\delta - b)\mu_{\epsilon}(\gamma(\beta, L_t, I_t)) + I_t - a). \end{cases}$$

Here, the flexible curves $\mu_{\epsilon}(\cdot)$ and $M_{\epsilon}(\cdot)$ are employed to interpret the non-homogeneity in the labor market as well as in the consumption market. Also, it is noted that the smaller the positive number ϵ is, the closer this regularized model is to its original version (\mathcal{M}_0).

2.2 Bifurcations

The first conclusion of the following theorem confirms the existence of the equilibrium for (\mathcal{M}_{ϵ}) and the second states the occurrence of the bifurcation and its stability.

Theorem 2.1 Assume that hypotheses (H₁)-(H₅) hold. Then

- (i) for ε > 0 sufficiently small and β close to β₀, (M_ε) has a unique equilibrium E_ε(β) with E_ε(β) → E₀(β) (ε → 0⁺);
- (ii) for ε > 0 sufficiently small there exist β_ε > 0 and η_ε > 0 with β_ε → β₀ (ε → 0⁺) such that for β ∈ (β_ε, β_ε + η_ε) (M_ε) has a locally attracting invariant closed curve surrounding the equilibrium E_ε(β) which shrinks to E_ε(β_ε) as β → β_ε from above. No such curve exists for β ∈ (β_ε η_ε, β_ε).

As an illustration, we consider the following specific regularization. As in [12], let the step functions M'(x) and m'(x) be approximated by the logistic curves

$$M'_{\epsilon}(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \tanh\left(\frac{x}{\epsilon}\right)$$
 and $m'_{\epsilon}(x) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \tanh\left(\frac{x-d}{\epsilon}\right)$,

respectively. Thus

$$M_{\epsilon}(x) = \frac{\epsilon}{2} \ln\left[\exp\left(\frac{x}{\epsilon}\right) + \exp\left(\frac{-x}{\epsilon}\right)\right] + \frac{x}{2},$$

$$m_{\epsilon}(x) = -\frac{\epsilon}{2} \ln\left[\exp\left(\frac{x-d}{\epsilon}\right) + \exp\left(-\frac{x-d}{\epsilon}\right)\right] + \frac{x+d}{2}.$$
(2.1)

It is easy to check that (H_1) - (H_5) are satisfied.

Set the data of the parameters by $\epsilon = 0.01$, a = 0.095, b = 0.9, d = 1, and $\delta = 1$. For $\beta = 0.1, 0.2, 0.4$, and 0.45, different orbits are plotted in Figure 3 and Figure 4. Each of the orbits contains 5,000 points after a transient time of 50. Figure 3 shows numerically that the equilibrium is stable when $\beta = 0.1$ and that invariant closed curves appear when $\beta = 0.2$ or $\beta = 0.45$. A 37-periodic obit is observed for $\beta = 0.4$ (Figure 4).



2.3 Comments

From the above theorem we know that for $\epsilon > 0$ sufficiently small and $\beta > \beta_{\epsilon}$ near β_{ϵ} , the asymptotic behavior of the model (\mathcal{M}_{ϵ}) is represented by the motion on the invariant closed curve, which is closely related to an important notion called the rotation number. When the rotation number is a rational number p/q the system has periodic obits with period q. When this number is irrational, there are no periodic orbits and every orbit is dense in the closed curve, giving rise to a quasi-periodic behavior [13]. Moreover, since the rotation number depends continuously on the parameters, the dynamics inside the invariant curve shifts back and forth from periodic to quasi-periodic behavior as β or ϵ change.

It is well known that periodic or quasi-periodic behaviors are non-chaotic, meaning that there are no periodic points with different periods, and the orbits that start close remain close for all times. The result implies that the model has a non-chaotic nature.

3 Proof of Theorem 2.1

In this section, it is always assumed that the hypotheses (H_1) - (H_5) hold.

Set $\mathbb{R}^+ = (0, +\infty)$, $S = \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+$. For simplicity, we make the change of parameters by letting

$$\beta = \frac{k\delta}{b} - 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\gamma}(k, \cdot, \cdot) := \gamma \left(\frac{k\delta}{b} - 1, \cdot, \cdot\right). \tag{3.1}$$

Thus to prove Theorem 2.1, we turn to the bifurcation problem for the mapping $\Phi_{\epsilon}(k, \cdot, \cdot)$: $S \mapsto S$,

$$\Phi_{\epsilon}(k,x,y) = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_{\epsilon}(\hat{\gamma}(k,x,y)) \\ M_{\epsilon}((\delta-b)\mu_{\epsilon}(\hat{\gamma}(k,x,y)) + y - a) \end{pmatrix}^{T}.$$

Next, as in [14], this system will be transformed equivalently into a special form of mapping so that the bifurcation problem can be handled easily. To do this, we consider the mapping $\pi_{\epsilon}(k, \cdot, \cdot) : S \mapsto S$,

$$\pi_{\epsilon}(k, x, y) = \left(y, M_{\epsilon}\left((\delta - b)\mu_{\epsilon}\left(\hat{\gamma}(k, x, y)\right) + y - a\right)\right).$$

Let *W* denote the image of *S* under the mapping $\pi_{\epsilon}(k, \cdot, \cdot)$. From (H₃), we see that both of $\mu_{\epsilon}(\cdot)$ and $M_{\epsilon}(\cdot)$ are invertible. Then $\pi_{\epsilon}(k, \cdot, \cdot)$ is a homeomorphism with its inverse mapping $\pi_{\epsilon}^{-1}(k, \cdot, \cdot) : W \mapsto S$,

$$\pi_{\epsilon}^{-1}(k, u, v) = \left(\frac{1}{k} \left[\mu_{\epsilon}^{-1} \left(\frac{M_{\epsilon}^{-1}(v) - u + a}{\delta - b}\right) + \frac{u}{\delta} - \frac{ak}{b}\right], u\right).$$

By calculating, it can be checked that

$$\pi_{\epsilon} \circ \Phi_{\epsilon} \circ \pi_{\epsilon}^{-1}(u, v) = F_{\epsilon}(k, u, v) \coloneqq \left(v, G_{\epsilon}(k, u, v)\right), \quad (u, v) \in W,$$

$$(3.2)$$

where $G_{\epsilon}(k, \cdot, \cdot)$ is defined by

$$G_{\epsilon}(k, u, v) = M_{\epsilon}(\psi_{\epsilon}(k, u, v)),$$

$$\psi_{\epsilon}(k, u, v) = (\delta - b)\mu_{\epsilon}(\varphi_{\epsilon}(k, u, v)) + v - a,$$

$$\varphi_{\epsilon}(k, u, v) = \frac{k}{\delta - b}(M_{\epsilon}^{-1}(v) - u + a) - \frac{v}{\delta} + \frac{ak}{b}.$$
(3.3)

Then the mappings $\Phi_{\epsilon}(k, \cdot, \cdot) : S \mapsto S$ and $F_{\epsilon}(k, \cdot, \cdot) : W \mapsto W$ are conjugate by $\pi_{\epsilon}(k, \cdot, \cdot) : S \mapsto W$, and then we only need to study the bifurcation of the mapping $F_{\epsilon}(k, \cdot, \cdot)$.

Noticing that $\varphi_0(1, z_0, z_0) = w_0$ and $\psi_0(1, z_0, z_0) = z_0$, by (H₁) and (H₂) we get the following lemma.

Lemma 3.1 The functions $\varphi_{\epsilon}(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$, $\psi_{\epsilon}(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$ and $G_{\epsilon}(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$ have continuous fourth-order partial derivatives in a neighborhood of $(\epsilon, k, u, v) = (0, 1, z_0, z_0)$.

For *s* in a neighborhood of $s = z_0$, consider the equation

$$\xi(\epsilon, k, s) \equiv s - G_{\epsilon}(k, s, s) = 0. \tag{3.4}$$

Noticing that

$$\xi(0,1,z_0) = 0, \qquad \xi_s(0,1,z_0) = 1 - \frac{b}{\delta} > 0$$

and applying the implicit function theorem, we find that for (ϵ, k) in a neighborhood of $(\epsilon, k) = (0, 1)$, (3.4) has a unique zero, denoted by $z_{\epsilon,k}$, in a neighborhood of $s = z_0$. Moreover, $z_{\epsilon,k}$ is continuous jointly in (ϵ, k) and is continuously differentiable with respect to k. Obviously, $(z_{\epsilon,k}, z_{\epsilon,k})$ is a fixed point of the mapping $F_{\epsilon}(k, u, v)$. That is, the following lemma holds. **Lemma 3.2** For (ϵ, k) in a neighborhood of $(\epsilon, k) = (0, 1)$, $F_{\epsilon}(k, \cdot, \cdot)$ has unique fixed point $(z_{\epsilon,k}, z_{\epsilon,k}) \in W$. Moreover, $z_{\epsilon,k}$ is continuous jointly in (ϵ, k) and is continuously differentiable with respect to k.

Remark 3.1 Set $E_{\epsilon}(\beta) = \pi_{\epsilon}^{-1}(k, z_{\epsilon,k}, z_{\epsilon,k})$ with $\beta = k\delta/b - 1$. Then for $\epsilon > 0$ sufficiently small and β close to β_0 , (\mathcal{M}_{ϵ}) has a unique equilibrium $E_{\epsilon}(\beta)$. Moreover, it is easy to check that $z_{0,k} = a\delta(k\delta - b)[b(\delta - b)]^{-1}$ and that $\pi_0^{-1}(k, z_{0,k}, z_{0,k}) = E_0(\beta)$. Since $z_{\epsilon,k} \to z_{0,k}$ ($\epsilon \to 0^+$), we have correspondingly $E_{\epsilon}(\beta) \to E_0(\beta)$ ($\epsilon \to 0^+$). Thus the conclusion (i) of Theorem 2.1 holds.

The following lemma confirms the occurrence of the bifurcation at the equilibrium.

Lemma 3.3 For $\epsilon > 0$ sufficiently small there exist k_{ϵ} and η'_{ϵ} with $k_{\epsilon} \to 1$ ($\epsilon \to 0^+$) such that for every $k \in (k_{\epsilon} - \eta'_{\epsilon}, k_{\epsilon})$ or $k \in (k_{\epsilon}, k_{\epsilon} + \eta'_{\epsilon})$, the mapping $F_{\epsilon}(k, \cdot, \cdot)$ has an invariant closed curve surrounding the equilibrium point $(z_{\epsilon,k}, z_{\epsilon,k})$.

Proof For $(u, v) \in W$, by calculating, we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial u}G_{\epsilon}(k,u,v) = -kM'_{\epsilon}(\psi_{\epsilon}(k,u,v))\mu'_{\epsilon}(\varphi_{\epsilon}(k,u,v)),$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial v}G_{\epsilon}(k,u,v) = M'_{\epsilon}(\psi_{\epsilon}(k,u,v))$$

$$\times \left\{ (\delta - b)\mu'_{\epsilon}(\varphi_{\epsilon}(k,u,v)) \left[\frac{k}{(\delta - b)M'_{\epsilon}(v)} - \frac{1}{\delta} \right] + 1 \right\}.$$
(3.5)

Noticing that $z_{0,k} > 0$, by Lemma 3.1 we have

$$\begin{cases} \varphi_{\epsilon}(k, z_{\epsilon,k}, z_{\epsilon,k}) \to \varphi_{0}(k, z_{0,k}, z_{0,k}) \equiv w_{0}, \\ \psi_{\epsilon}(k, z_{\epsilon,k}, z_{\epsilon,k}) \to \psi_{0}(k, z_{0,k}, z_{0,k}) \equiv z_{0,k} \end{cases} \quad (\epsilon \to 0^{+}), \end{cases}$$

$$(3.6)$$

which, by (H_1) , leads to

$$\lim_{\epsilon \to 0^+} M'_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon,k}) = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0^+} M'_{\epsilon}(\psi_{\epsilon}(k, z_{\epsilon,k}, z_{\epsilon,k})) = \lim_{\epsilon \to 0^+} \mu'_{\epsilon}(\varphi_{\epsilon}(k, z_{\epsilon,k}, z_{\epsilon,k})) = 1.$$
(3.7)

It follows from (3.5) that

$$\frac{\partial G_{\epsilon}(k, u, v)}{\partial u}\Big|_{(k, z_{\epsilon,k}, z_{\epsilon,k})} \to -k, \qquad \frac{\partial G_{\epsilon}(k, u, v)}{\partial v}\Big|_{(k, z_{\epsilon,k}, z_{\epsilon,k})} \to k + \frac{b}{\delta} \quad (\epsilon \to 0^{+}).$$
(3.8)

Let $DF_{\epsilon}(k, z_{\epsilon,k}, z_{\epsilon,k})$ denote the tangent mapping of $F_{\epsilon}(k, \cdot, \cdot)$ at $(u, v) = (z_{\epsilon,k}, z_{\epsilon,k})$, then

$$DF_{\epsilon}(k, z_{\epsilon,k}, z_{\epsilon,k}) \to T := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -k & k + \frac{b}{\delta} \end{pmatrix} \quad (\epsilon \to 0^{+}).$$

Noticing that

$$\Delta := 4k\delta^2 - (b + k\delta)^2 \to (\delta - b)(b + 3\delta) > 0 \quad (k \to 1),$$

we see that, for *k* sufficiently close to 1, *T* has two conjugate complex eigenvalues $\lambda_0(k)$ and $\overline{\lambda}_0(k)$ with

$$\lambda_0(k) \equiv \frac{b + k\delta + i\sqrt{\Delta}}{2\delta}.$$

Moreover, we have $|\lambda_0(k)| = k^{1/2}$, which implies that, for a small positive number η_1 ,

$$|\lambda_0(1-\eta_1)| < 1 < |\lambda_0(1+\eta_1)|.$$
 (3.9)

By Lemmas 3.1 and 3.2, the eigenvalues of $DF_{\epsilon}(k, z_{\epsilon,k}, z_{\epsilon,k})$ depend continuously on (ϵ, k) , which means that one of the eigenvalues, denoted by $\lambda_{\epsilon}(k)$, tends to $\lambda_{0}(k)$ as $\epsilon \to 0^{+}$. In view of (3.9), we see that, for $\epsilon > 0$ sufficiently small,

$$\left|\lambda_{\epsilon}(1-\eta_{1})\right| < 1 < \left|\lambda_{\epsilon}(1+\eta_{1})\right|.$$

It follows that there exists $k_{\epsilon} \in (1 - \eta_1, 1 + \eta_1)$ such that $|\lambda_{\epsilon}(k_{\epsilon})| = 1$.

We claim that $k_{\epsilon} \to 1$ as $\epsilon \to 0^+$. Otherwise there exist ϵ_n , n = 1, 2, ..., with $\epsilon_n \to 0^+$ $(n \to \infty)$, such that $k_{\epsilon_n} \to \hat{k} \neq 1$ $(n \to \infty)$, which implies $1 = |\lambda_{\epsilon_n}(k_{\epsilon_n})| \to |\lambda_0(\hat{k})| = \hat{k}^{1/2} \neq 1$ as $n \to \infty$, a contradiction.

Thus $\lambda_{\epsilon}(k_{\epsilon}) \rightarrow \lambda_0(1)$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+$. Noticing that $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_0(1)) > 0$, $\operatorname{Im}(\lambda_0(1)) > 0$, and $\lambda'_0(1) > 0$, we see from Lemma 3.2 that, for $\epsilon > 0$ sufficiently small,

$$\operatorname{Re} \lambda_{\epsilon}(k_{\epsilon}) > 0, \qquad \operatorname{Im} \lambda_{\epsilon}(k_{\epsilon}) > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d|\lambda_{\epsilon}(k)|}{dk} \bigg|_{k=k_{\epsilon}} > 0,$$

which, by Theorem A.1, implies that there exists $\eta'_{\epsilon} > 0$ such that for every $k \in (k_{\epsilon} - \eta'_{\epsilon}, k_{\epsilon})$ or $k \in (k_{\epsilon}, k_{\epsilon} + \eta'_{\epsilon})$, $F_{\epsilon}(k, \cdot, \cdot)$ has an invariant closed curve surrounding the equilibrium point $(z_{\epsilon,k_{\epsilon}}, z_{\epsilon,k_{\epsilon}})$.

Now, we determine the direction of the bifurcation and its stability. Denote

$$\begin{split} &z_{\epsilon} = z_{\epsilon,k_{\epsilon}}, \qquad \tau_{\epsilon} = \varphi_{\epsilon}(k_{\epsilon},z_{\epsilon},z_{\epsilon}), \qquad \sigma_{\epsilon} = \psi_{\epsilon}(k_{\epsilon},z_{\epsilon},z_{\epsilon}) \quad \text{and} \\ &p_{\epsilon} = M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime\prime}(\sigma_{\epsilon}), \qquad q_{\epsilon} = M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}), \qquad r_{\epsilon} = m_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime\prime}(M_{\epsilon}(\tau_{\epsilon})). \end{split}$$

From (3.6), we see that

$$z_{\epsilon} \to z_0, \qquad \sigma_{\epsilon} \to z_0, \qquad \tau_{\epsilon} \to w_0 \quad (\epsilon \to 0^+).$$
 (3.10)

By (H₁) and (H₂), it follows that p_{ϵ} , q_{ϵ} , and r_{ϵ} are infinitesimal as $\epsilon \to 0^+$ and

$$M'_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon}) \to 1, \qquad M'_{\epsilon}(\sigma_{\epsilon}) \to 1, \qquad \mu'_{\epsilon}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \to 1 \quad (\epsilon \to 0^+).$$
 (3.11)

We have the following comparisons.

Lemma 3.4

(i) $[M_{\epsilon}''(\sigma_{\epsilon})]^2 = o(p_{\epsilon}) \ (\epsilon \to 0^+);$

(ii) $[M_{\epsilon}''(\tau_{\epsilon})]^2 = o(q_{\epsilon}) \ (\epsilon \to 0^+);$ (iii) $[m_{\epsilon}''(M_{\epsilon}(\tau_{\epsilon}))]^2 = o(r_{\epsilon}) \ (\epsilon \to 0^+);$ (iv) $[M_{\epsilon}''(z_{\epsilon})]^2 = o(p_{\epsilon}) \ (\epsilon \to 0^+).$

Proof From (3.10) and (H₄), we can assume that $z_{\epsilon}, \sigma_{\epsilon} > \underline{z}$. By (H₄), we have $M_{\epsilon}''(x) > 0$, $M_{\epsilon}'''(x) < 0$, and $M_{\epsilon}^{(4)}(x) > 0$ for $x > \sigma_{\epsilon}$. Then

$$0 > \frac{1}{p_{\epsilon}} \left[M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\sigma_{\epsilon}) \right]^{2} = -\int_{\sigma_{\epsilon}}^{\infty} 2M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(s) \frac{M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime}(s)}{p_{\epsilon}} ds$$

$$\geq -2 \int_{\sigma_{\epsilon}}^{\infty} M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(s) ds = -2 \left(1 - M_{\epsilon}^{\prime}(\sigma_{\epsilon}) \right).$$
(3.12)

It follows from (3.11) that the conclusion (i) holds. In the same way, we can prove (ii) and, by using (H_5) , (iii) can be derived similarly.

Lastly, in view of (H₁), (H₃), and (H₄), it is easy to see that $M_{\epsilon}(x) > M(x)$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $z_{\epsilon} = M_{\epsilon}(\sigma_{\epsilon}) > M_0(\sigma_{\epsilon}) = \sigma_{\epsilon}$ and then $0 < M_{\epsilon}''(z_{\epsilon}) < M_{\epsilon}''(\sigma_{\epsilon})$ which, by (i), implies (iv).

Further, by using the above lemma, we can make the following useful comparisons. In view of the derivative formula

$$\mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) = m_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime} \big(M_{\epsilon}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \big) \big(M_{\epsilon}^{\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \big)^{2} + m_{\epsilon}^{\prime} \big(M_{\epsilon}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \big) M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon})$$

and the inequality $2|pq| \le p^2 + q^2$ for $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$, and by using (ii) and (iii), we get

$$\left[\mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon})\right]^{2} = o(q_{\epsilon}) + o(r_{\epsilon}) \quad \left(\epsilon \to 0^{+}\right), \tag{3.13}$$

which, combining with (i) and (iv), respectively, leads to

$$\mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon})M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\sigma_{\epsilon}) = o(p_{\epsilon}) + o(q_{\epsilon}) + o(r_{\epsilon}) \quad (\epsilon \to 0^{+})$$
(3.14)

and

$$\mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon})M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(z_{\epsilon}) = o(p_{\epsilon}) + o(q_{\epsilon}) + o(r_{\epsilon}) \quad (\epsilon \to 0^{+}).$$
(3.15)

In addition, we have

$$\begin{split} \mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) &= m_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime} \big(M_{\epsilon}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \big) \big(M_{\epsilon}^{\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \big)^{3} + m_{\epsilon}^{\prime} \big(M_{\epsilon}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \big) M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \\ &+ 3 m_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime} \big(M_{\epsilon}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \big) M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) M_{\epsilon}^{\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}). \end{split}$$

By using (ii), (iii), and (3.11), it follows that

$$\mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) = q_{\epsilon} + r_{\epsilon} + o(q_{\epsilon}) + o(r_{\epsilon}) \quad (\epsilon \to 0^+).$$
(3.16)

Lemma 3.5 The invariant curve derived from Lemma 3.3 is attracting and the bifurcation is supercritical.

Proof Denote

$$G_{ij}(\epsilon) = \frac{\partial^{i+j}G_{\epsilon}(k_{\epsilon}, \cdot, \cdot)}{\partial u^{i} \partial v^{j}} \bigg|_{(z_{\epsilon}, z_{\epsilon})}, \quad i, j = 0, 1, 2, 3, i+j = 1, 2, 3.$$

By calculation, we have

$$\begin{split} G_{20}(\epsilon) &= k_{\epsilon}^{2} M_{\epsilon}''(\sigma_{\epsilon}) \Big[\mu_{\epsilon}'(\tau_{\epsilon}) \Big]^{2} + \frac{k_{\epsilon}^{2}}{\delta - b} M_{\epsilon}'(\sigma_{\epsilon}) \mu_{\epsilon}''(\tau_{\epsilon}), \\ G_{11}(\epsilon) &= -k_{\epsilon} M_{\epsilon}''(\sigma_{\epsilon}) \mu_{\epsilon}'(\tau_{\epsilon}) \bigg\{ (\delta - b) \mu_{\epsilon}'(\tau_{\epsilon}) \Big[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta - b) M_{\epsilon}'(z_{\epsilon})} - \frac{1}{\delta} \Big] + 1 \bigg\} \\ &- k_{\epsilon} M_{\epsilon}'(\sigma_{\epsilon}) \mu_{\epsilon}''(\tau_{\epsilon}) \bigg[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta - b) M_{\epsilon}'(z_{\epsilon})} - \frac{1}{\delta} \bigg], \\ G_{02}(\epsilon) &= M_{\epsilon}''(\sigma_{\epsilon}) \bigg\{ (\delta - b) \mu_{\epsilon}'(\tau_{\epsilon}) \bigg[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta - b) M_{\epsilon}'(z_{\epsilon})} - \frac{1}{\delta} \bigg] + 1 \bigg\}^{2} \\ &+ M_{\epsilon}'(\sigma_{\epsilon}) \bigg\{ (\delta - b) \mu_{\epsilon}''(\tau_{\epsilon}) \bigg[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta - b) M_{\epsilon}'(z_{\epsilon})} - \frac{1}{\delta} \bigg]^{2} - k_{\epsilon} \mu_{\epsilon}'(\tau_{\epsilon}) \frac{M_{\epsilon}''(z_{\epsilon})}{[M_{\epsilon}'(z_{\epsilon})]^{2}} \bigg\}. \end{split}$$

It follows from (3.13)-(3.15) and (3.11) that

$$\left(G_{ij}(\epsilon)\right)^2 = o(p_{\epsilon}) + o(q_{\epsilon}) + o(r_{\epsilon}) \quad \left(\epsilon \to 0^+\right), i+j=2.$$
(3.17)

Further, by calculating,

$$\begin{split} G_{30}(\epsilon) &= -k_{\epsilon}^{3} \Biggl\{ M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime}(\sigma_{\epsilon}) \Bigl[\mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \Bigr]^{3} + \frac{1}{\delta - b} M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime}(\sigma_{\epsilon}) \mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{(\delta - b)^{2}} M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\sigma_{\epsilon}) \mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) + \frac{1}{(\delta - b)^{2}} M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\sigma_{\epsilon}) \mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \Biggr\}, \\ G_{21}(\epsilon) &= k_{\epsilon}^{2} M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime}(\sigma_{\epsilon}) \Bigl[\mu_{\epsilon}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \Bigr]^{2} \Biggl\{ (\delta - b) \mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \Biggl[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta - b) M_{\epsilon}^{\prime}(z_{\epsilon})} - \frac{1}{\delta} \Biggr] + 1 \Biggr\} \\ &+ 2k_{\epsilon}^{2} M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime}(\sigma_{\epsilon}) \mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \Biggl[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta - b) M_{\epsilon}^{\prime}(z_{\epsilon})} - \frac{1}{\delta} \Biggr] \Biggr\} \\ &+ \frac{k_{\epsilon}^{2}}{\delta - b} M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\sigma_{\epsilon}) \mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \Biggl\{ (\delta - b) \mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \Biggl[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta - b) M_{\epsilon}^{\prime}(z_{\epsilon})} - \frac{1}{\delta} \Biggr] + 1 \Biggr\} \\ &+ \frac{k_{\epsilon}^{2}}{\delta - b} M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\sigma_{\epsilon}) \mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \Biggl[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta - b) M_{\epsilon}^{\prime}(z_{\epsilon})} - \frac{1}{\delta} \Biggr] , \\ G_{12}(\epsilon) &= -k_{\epsilon} M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime}(\sigma_{\epsilon}) \mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \Biggl\{ (\delta - b) \mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \Biggl[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta - b) M_{\epsilon}^{\prime}(z_{\epsilon})} - \frac{1}{\delta} \Biggr] + 1 \Biggr\} \\ &\times \Biggl[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta - b) M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon})} \Biggl\{ (\delta - b) \mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \Biggl[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta - b) M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(z_{\epsilon})} - \frac{1}{\delta} \Biggr] + 1 \Biggr\} \\ &\times \Biggl[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta - b) M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon})} \Biggl\{ (\delta - b) \mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \Biggl[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta - b) M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(z_{\epsilon})} - \frac{1}{\delta} \Biggr] + 1 \Biggr\} \\ &- k_{\epsilon} M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\sigma_{\epsilon}) \mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \Biggl\{ (\delta - b) \mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon}) \Biggl[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta - b) M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(z_{\epsilon})} - \frac{1}{\delta} \Biggr] + 1 \Biggr\} \\ \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} &-k_{\epsilon}M'_{\epsilon}(\sigma_{\epsilon})\bigg\{\mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon})\bigg[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta-b)M'_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})}-\frac{1}{\delta}\bigg]^{2}-\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{\delta-b}\mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon})\frac{M'_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})}{[M'_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})]^{2}}\bigg\},\\ &G_{03}(\epsilon)=M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime}(\sigma_{\epsilon})\bigg\{(\delta-b)\mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon})\bigg[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta-b)M'_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})}-\frac{1}{\delta}\bigg]+1\bigg\}^{3}\\ &+2M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\sigma_{\epsilon})\bigg\{(\delta-b)\mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon})\bigg[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta-b)M'_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})}-\frac{1}{\delta}\bigg]^{2}-k_{\epsilon}\mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon})\frac{M''_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})}{[M'_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})]^{2}}\bigg\}\\ &+M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\sigma_{\epsilon})\bigg\{(\delta-b)\mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon})\bigg[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta-b)M'_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})}-\frac{1}{\delta}\bigg]^{2}-k_{\epsilon}\mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon})\frac{M''_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})}{[M'_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})]^{2}}\bigg\}\\ &+M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\sigma_{\epsilon})\bigg\{(\delta-b)\mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon})\bigg[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta-b)M'_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})}-\frac{1}{\delta}\bigg]^{2}-k_{\epsilon}\mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon})\frac{M''_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})}{[M'_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})]^{2}}\bigg\}\\ &+M_{\epsilon}^{\prime}(\sigma_{\epsilon})\bigg\{(\delta-b)\mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon})\bigg[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta-b)M'_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})}-\frac{1}{\delta}\bigg]^{3}\\ &+2k_{\epsilon}\mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon})\bigg[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta-b)M'_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})}-\frac{1}{\delta}\bigg]\frac{M''_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})}{[M'_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})]^{2}}\bigg]\\ &+k_{\epsilon}\mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon})\frac{M''_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})}{[M'_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})]^{2}}\bigg[\frac{k_{\epsilon}}{(\delta-b)M'_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})}-\frac{1}{\delta}\bigg]\\ &+k_{\epsilon}\mu_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime}(\tau_{\epsilon})\frac{-M''_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})[M'_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})]^{2}+2[M''_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})]^{2}M'_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})}{[M'_{\epsilon}(z_{\epsilon})]^{4}}\bigg\}. \end{split}$$

Denote $n_{\epsilon} = M_{\epsilon}^{\prime\prime\prime}(z_{\epsilon})$. It follows from Lemma 3.4 and (3.13)-(3.16) that, as $\epsilon \to 0^+$,

$$G_{30}(\epsilon) = -p_{\epsilon} - \left(\frac{1}{\delta - b}\right)^{2} q_{\epsilon} + o(p_{\epsilon}) + o(q_{\epsilon}) + o(r_{\epsilon}),$$

$$G_{03}(\epsilon) = (1 + b/\delta)^{3} p_{\epsilon} + \frac{b^{3}(q_{\epsilon} + r_{\epsilon})}{(\delta - b)^{2}\delta^{3}} - n_{\epsilon} + o(p_{\epsilon}) + o(q_{\epsilon}) + o(r_{\epsilon}),$$

$$G_{21}(\epsilon) = (1 + b/\delta) p_{\epsilon} + \frac{b(q_{\epsilon} + r_{\epsilon})}{(\delta - b)^{2}\delta} + o(p_{\epsilon}) + o(q_{\epsilon}) + o(r_{\epsilon}),$$

$$G_{12}(\epsilon) = -(1 + b/\delta)^{2} p_{\epsilon} + \frac{b^{2}(q_{\epsilon} + r_{\epsilon})}{(\delta - b)^{2}\delta^{2}} + o(p_{\epsilon}) + o(q_{\epsilon}) + o(r_{\epsilon}).$$
(3.18)

Let

$$\begin{split} a_{20}(\epsilon) &= \frac{1}{2} \Big(G_{20}(\epsilon) + G_{02}(\epsilon) \cdot \lambda^2(k_{\epsilon}) + 2G_{11}(\epsilon) \cdot \lambda(k_{\epsilon}) \Big) \frac{i}{(\lambda(k_{\epsilon}) - \overline{\lambda}(k_{\epsilon}))^2}, \\ a_{02}(\epsilon) &= \frac{1}{2} \Big(G_{20}(\epsilon) + G_{02}(\epsilon) \cdot \overline{\lambda}^2(k_{\epsilon}) + 2G_{11}(\epsilon) \cdot \overline{\lambda}(k_{\epsilon}) \Big) \frac{i}{(\lambda(k_{\epsilon}) - \overline{\lambda}(k_{\epsilon}))^2}, \\ a_{11}(\epsilon) &= \Big(G_{20}(\epsilon) + G_{02}(\epsilon) \cdot \lambda(k_{\epsilon}) \overline{\lambda}(k_{\epsilon}) + G_{11}(\epsilon) \cdot \big(\lambda(k_{\epsilon}) + \overline{\lambda}(k_{\epsilon})\big) \big) \cdot \frac{i}{(\lambda(k_{\epsilon}) - \overline{\lambda}(k_{\epsilon}))^2}, \\ a_{21}(\epsilon) &= \Big(G_{30}(\epsilon) + G_{03}(\epsilon) \lambda^2(k_{\epsilon}) \overline{\lambda}(k_{\epsilon}) + G_{12}(\epsilon) \lambda(k_{\epsilon}) \big(\lambda(k_{\epsilon}) + 2\overline{\lambda}(k_{\epsilon})\big) \\ &+ G_{21}(\epsilon) \big(\overline{\lambda}(k_{\epsilon}) + 2\lambda(k_{\epsilon})\big) \big) \cdot \frac{-1/2}{(\lambda(k_{\epsilon}) - \overline{\lambda}(k_{\epsilon}))^3}, \end{split}$$

$$Q(\epsilon) = \frac{|a_{11}(\epsilon)|^2}{1 - \overline{\lambda}(k_{\epsilon})} + \frac{2|a_{02}(\epsilon)|^2}{\lambda^2(k_{\epsilon}) - \overline{\lambda}(k_{\epsilon})} + \frac{2\lambda(k_{\epsilon}) - 1}{\lambda(k_{\epsilon})(1 - \lambda(k_{\epsilon}))} \cdot a_{11}(\epsilon) \cdot a_{20}(\epsilon) + a_{21}(\epsilon),$$

$$c_1(\epsilon) = \operatorname{Re}(Q(\epsilon) \cdot \overline{\lambda}(k_{\epsilon})).$$

From (3.17), we see that

$$\left|a_{ij}(\epsilon)\right|^{2} = o(p_{\epsilon}) + o(q_{\epsilon}) + o(r_{\epsilon}) \quad \left(\epsilon \to 0^{+}\right), i + j = 2.$$

$$(3.19)$$

On the other hand, by using (3.18), we obtain

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(a_{21}(\epsilon) \cdot \overline{\lambda}(k_{\epsilon})\right) = \frac{1}{16k_{2}^{2}} \left[p_{\epsilon} + \frac{q_{\epsilon} + r_{\epsilon}}{\delta(\delta - b)}\right] + o(p_{\epsilon}) + o(q_{\epsilon}) + o(r_{\epsilon}) \quad (\epsilon \to 0^{+}).$$
(3.20)

From (3.19) and (3.20), we see that, for $\epsilon > 0$ sufficiently small,

$$\operatorname{sign}(c_1(\epsilon)) = \operatorname{sign}\left(\frac{1}{16k_2^2}\left[p_{\epsilon} + \frac{q_{\epsilon} + r_{\epsilon}}{\delta(\delta - b)}\right]\right) < 0$$

By Theorem A.1, the conclusion of the lemma follows.

Remark 3.2 In view of (3.2), the above lemma implies the conclusion (ii) of Theorem 2.1. Thus the proof is complete.

Appendix

The following statement is a special case of Hopf's theorem for mappings, which is employed to prove Theorem 2.1.

Theorem A.1 (Hopf bifurcation theorem for plane mappings [12, 14]) Let $F : R \times R^2 \to R^2$ be a mapping of class C^4 of the form F(k, x, y) = (y, G(k, x, y)) which satisfies:

- (i) For every $k \in R$, there exists $\tilde{z}(k)$ such that $F(k, \tilde{z}(k), \tilde{z}(k)) = (\tilde{z}(k), \tilde{z}(k))$.
- (ii) $DF(k, \tilde{z}(k), \tilde{z}(k))$ has complex eigenvalues $\lambda(k), \overline{\lambda}(k)$ such that $|\lambda(k_0)| = 1$,

$$(\lambda(k_0))^m \neq 1, \quad m = 1, 2, 3, 4 \quad and \quad \eta'(k_0) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{|\lambda(k)|}{dk}\Big|_{k=k_0} > 0 \ (< 0).$$

Then the mapping $F(k, \cdot, \cdot)$ has, for every $k < k_0$ or $k > k_0$ sufficiently close to k_0 , an invariant closed curve surrounding the equilibrium point $(\tilde{z}(k), \tilde{z}(k))$.

The direction $(k < k_0 \text{ or } k > k_0)$ of the bifurcation and its stability properties can be obtained as follows: Let us denote

$$G_{ij} = \frac{\partial^{i+j}G}{\partial x^i \, \partial \gamma^j} \left(k, \tilde{z}(k), \tilde{z}(k)\right)$$

and let

$$\begin{split} a_{20}(k) &= \frac{1}{2} \Big(G_{20} + G_{02} \cdot \lambda^2(k) + 2G_{11} \cdot \lambda(k) \Big) \frac{i}{(\lambda(k) - \overline{\lambda}(k))^2}, \\ a_{02}(k) &= \frac{1}{2} \Big(G_{20} + G_{02} \cdot \overline{\lambda}^2(k) + 2G_{11} \cdot \overline{\lambda}(k) \Big) \frac{i}{(\lambda(k) - \overline{\lambda}(k))^2}, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{11}(k) &= \left(G_{20} + G_{02} \cdot \lambda(k)\overline{\lambda}(k) + G_{11} \cdot \left(\lambda(k) + \overline{\lambda}(k)\right)\right) \cdot \frac{i}{(\lambda(k) - \overline{\lambda}(k))^2}, \\ a_{21}(k) &= \left(G_{30} + G_{03}\lambda^2(k)\overline{\lambda}(k) + G_{12}\lambda(k)(\lambda(k) + 2\overline{\lambda}(k))\right) \\ &+ G_{21}(\overline{\lambda}(k) + 2\lambda(k))\right) \cdot \frac{-1/2}{(\lambda(k) - \overline{\lambda}(k))^3}, \\ Q(k) &= \frac{|a_{11}(k)|^2}{1 - \overline{\lambda}(k)} + \frac{2|a_{02}(k)|^2}{\lambda^2(k) - \overline{\lambda}(k)} + \frac{2\lambda(k) - 1}{\lambda(k)(1 - \lambda(k))} \cdot a_{11}(k) \cdot a_{20}(k) + a_{21}(k), \\ c_1(k) &= \operatorname{Re}(Q(k) \cdot \overline{\lambda}(k)). \end{aligned}$$

Then, if $c_1(k_0) < 0$ (respectively, $c_1(k_0) > 0$), the invariant curve is attracting (respectively, repelling) and if $c_1(k_0) \cdot \eta'(k_0) < 0$ (respectively, $c_1(k_0) \cdot \eta'(k_0) > 0$), the bifurcation is supercritical (respectively, subcritical).

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