

Fig. 3. The relative positions of two curves of double-pulse homoclinic bifurcations and the curve of primary homoclinic bifurcations

for Eq. (16). The horizontal axis is ϵ and the vertical one is the difference between the α -values for the two curves (α_{dp}) and α_h . Two crossings are clearly seen as ϵ increases. Note that in this case the two curves of double-pulse homoclinic bifurcations join together as ϵ increases.

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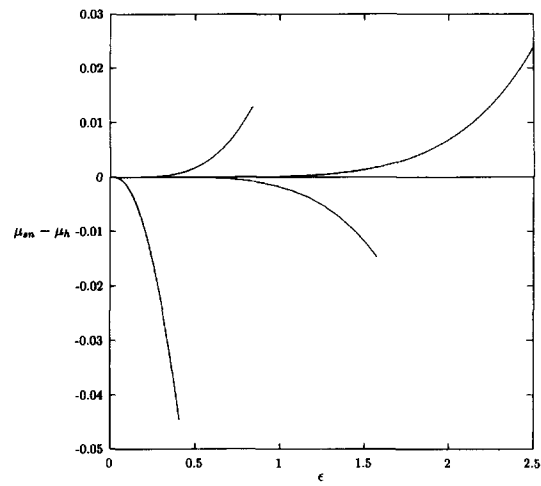


Fig. 7. A plot of the difference in μ -values for four curves of saddle-node bifurcations of periodic orbits and the curve of homoclinic bifurcations as a function of ϵ for system (19).

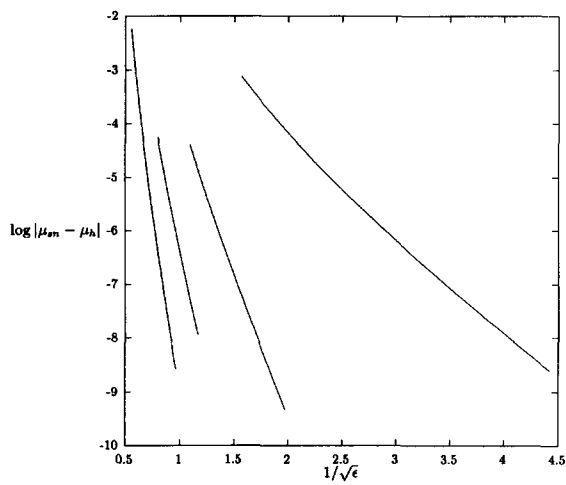


Fig. 8. A plot of $\log |\mu_{sn} - \mu_h|$ versus $1/\sqrt{\epsilon}$ for the curves in Fig. 7.

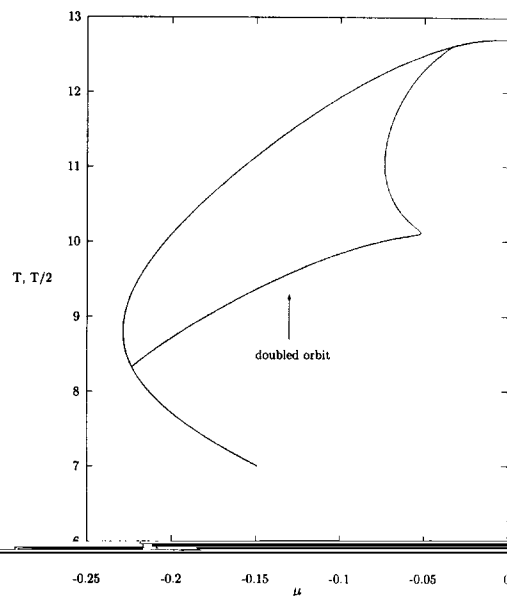


Fig. 9. A plot of period T (of the basic orbit) and half-period $\frac{1}{2}T$ (of the period-doubled orbit) versus α for Eq. (16), showing the bifurcation sequence “period-doubling, saddle-node, reverse period-doubling”. The value of ϵ is 0.22346, and γ is 0.5.

5. Conclusion and comments

We did not discuss path 1 of Fig. 2 in this paper. The bifurcations that occur along here are expected to be of interest because when $\delta = 1$, the sum of the eigenvalues of the Jacobian is zero and the flow is then locally “conservative” in some sense. There are expected to be some similarities with the $|\lambda/\nu| = 0.5$ case for the saddle-focus, as the flow in this case is also “divergence-free” at the stationary point. This last case is mentioned in [6], but does not seem to

One other avenue open for investigation is the application of the technique discussed in Section 2 to systems

