

## STEADY SOLUTIONS OF THE KURAMOTO–SIVASHINSKY EQUATION

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Steady solutions of the Kuramoto–Sivashinsky equation are studied. These solutions are defined on the whole  $x$  line and propagate with a constant speed  $c^2$  in time. For large  $c^2$  it is shown that the solution is unique and has a conical form. For small  $c^2$  there is a periodic solution and an infinite set of quasi-periodic solutions as asserted by Moser's twist map theorem. Numerical computations for intermediate values of  $c^2$  suggest that below  $c^2 \approx 1.6$  for every speed there is a continuum of odd quasi-periodic solutions or a Cantor set of chaotic solutions wrapped by infinite sequences of conic solutions.

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### 1. Introduction

The Kuramoto–Sivashinsky equation

$$u_t + \nabla^4 u + \nabla^2 u + \frac{1}{2} |\nabla u|^2 = 0, \quad u = u(x, t) \quad (1.1)$$

has attracted for the last decade a considerable attention [1–12]. It was originally derived by Kuramoto and Tsuzuki [1] in the context of a reaction diffusion system, and by Sivashinsky [5] in the context of flame front propagation. In the later case  $u(x, t)$  represents the perturbation of a plane flame front which propagates in a fuel–oxygen mixture. Numerical experiments [2, 3, 6] have shown that eq. (1.1) when solved on a sufficiently large interval  $-l < x < l$  with periodic boundary conditions tends to a turbulent state as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . The solution  $u(x, t)$  has the form

$$u(x, t) = -c_0^2 t + v(x, t), \quad (1.2)$$

where  $c_0^2 \approx 1.2$  is a universal constant independent of the initial condition, while the mean value of  $v(x, t)$  is close to zero. For a fixed  $t$  the function

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$v(x, t)$  although irregular has an appearance of a quasi-periodic wave with a characteristic wave length  $l_0 = 2\pi/\omega_0$ ,  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{2}/2$ . Note that the frequency  $\omega_0$  is maximally amplified by the linear terms in (1.1). Formula (1.2) suggests that one should look for steady solutions of (1.1)

$$u(x, t) = -c^2 t + v(x). \quad (1.3)$$

Clearly  $v(x)$  satisfies the O.D.E.

$$\frac{d^4 v}{dx^4} + \frac{d^2 v}{dx^2} = c^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{dv}{dx} \right)^2 \quad (1.4)$$

or a third order equation for the derivative  $y = dv/dx$

$$\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + \frac{dy}{dx} = c^2 - \frac{1}{2} y^2, \quad -\infty < x < +\infty. \quad (1.5)$$

The main objective of this work is to study the set of bounded solutions of (1.5) and its dependence on the parameter  $c$ .

For large  $c$  we shall show that eq. (1.5) has a unique (up to translation) bounded solution. This solution  $y(x)$  is an odd function of  $x$ , tends to the limits  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} y(x) = \mp c\sqrt{2}$  and vanishes only at  $x = 0$ . The integral  $v(x) = \int_0^x y(\tau) d\tau$  has thus a

conical form with a single maximum at  $x = 0$  and slopes  $\pm\sqrt{2}c$  as  $x \rightarrow \mp\infty$ . The above function  $v(x)$  has a following physical interpretation. A slight modification of (1.1),

$$u_t + \nabla^4 u + \nabla^2 u + \frac{1}{2}|\nabla u|^2 = c^2, \tag{1.6}$$

is a model equation (due to Sivashinsky) for a conical flame front with a slope  $c\sqrt{2}$  on a Bunsen burner. Clearly, the above  $v(x)$  represents a stationary flame on a Bunsen burner.

For small  $c$  eq. (1.5) has a periodic solution  $y_{\text{per}}$  with frequency  $\omega$  depending on  $c$ . It turns out that the Poincaré map associated with the periodic solution is measure preserving and satisfies for small  $c$  the conditions of Moser’s twist map theorem [14]. As a result, the flow defined by (1.5) possesses an infinite set of coeacial invariant tori surrounding the periodic orbit. The boundaries of the tori are closures of quasi-periodic orbits. We show that the integrals of these quasi-periodic solutions are quasi-periodic too. This results in an infinite set of quasi-periodic solutions of (1.4).

The periodic solution  $y_{\text{per}}$  as well as  $\omega$  and  $c$  could be expanded in power series with respect to an auxiliary parameter  $\epsilon$ . The numerical computation of these series reveals that the periodic solution exists up to  $c_{\text{max}} \approx 1.26606$ . The complete  $\omega, c$  curve is displayed on fig. 1. The part  $P_0P_2Q$  of the graph corresponds to the domain where the analytic expansion is valid. The portion  $QP_5P_8$  was calculated using a difference approximation to (1.5). The branch  $P_4P'_6P'_8$  represents a non-odd periodic solution bifurcating from the point  $P_4$ . This branch could be continued until the limit point  $\omega = 0, c \approx 0.86$  which corresponds to an “oblique” soliton (see figs. 4c–4e). The periodic orbits are parabolic at the points  $P_i, P'_i$ , and elliptic and hyperbolic at the segments indicated by letters  $e$  and  $h$  respectively. In the elliptic regions the Moser’s twist map theorem applies so that there are infinitely many invariant tori.

A central difference approximation of (1.5) was used in order to compute the bounded odd solutions for intermediate values of  $c$ . The results suggest that for  $c > c_1 \approx 1.3$  there is only one such

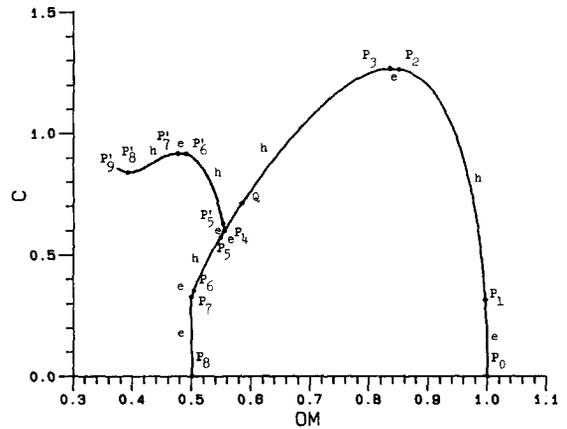


Fig. 1. The  $\omega$ - $c$  curve for the periodic solution. The branch  $P_4P'_6P'_8$  corresponds to the non-odd periodic solution.

solution. In the interval  $c_{\text{max}} < c \leq c_1$ , there is a decreasing sequence of bifurcation points  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \rightarrow c_{\text{max}}$ . At  $c = c_n$  a new solution  $y_n(x)$  is “born” which splits into two solutions as  $c$  decreases. The function  $y_n(x)$  tends to the critical points  $\pm c\sqrt{2}$  as  $x \rightarrow \mp\infty$  and has  $n$  zeros in the half line  $x > 0$ . Thus the integral  $v_n(x) = \int_0^x y_n(\tau) d\tau$  would correspond to a Bunsen flame with  $n + 1$  maxima. At  $c = c_{\text{max}}$  the above solutions tend to the periodic one as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . For  $c < c_{\text{max}}$  the set of odd bounded solutions (of the scheme) is quite complicated. The basic form of the solutions is determined by the periodic orbits. In the elliptic domains there are invariant tori while in the hyperbolic domains there exists a Cantor-type set of chaotic solutions which “float” around the periodic ones. On the other hand for all values of  $c$  below  $c_{\text{max}}$  (at least up to  $c = 0.2$ ) there exist infinite sequences of odd asymptotic solutions (i.e. connecting the critical points). These sequences of “Bunsen flame” type solutions lie in the “holes” of the Cantor set and approximate the above chaotic solutions.

## 2. Topological properties of the set of bounded solutions

First we shall prove that for any closed interval  $c \in [0, c_*]$  the sets of all bounded solutions of (1.5

are uniformly bounded. Rewrite (1.5) as a first order system

$$\frac{d\bar{y}}{dx} = f(\bar{y}, c) = (y_2, y_3, c^2 - y_2 - \frac{1}{2}y_1^2),$$

$$\bar{y} = (y_1, y_2, y_3). \quad (2.1)$$

At that point it is worthwhile to consider a more general situation of a system

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(y), \quad -\infty < x < \infty, \quad (2.2)$$

where  $y = (y^{(1)}, \dots, y^{(N)}) \in \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $f = (f^{(1)}, \dots, f^{(N)}) \in \mathbb{R}^N$  and  $f(y)$  is a smooth vector function, say  $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^N)$ . Assume that

$$f(y) = h(y) + g(y), \quad (2.3)$$

where  $h(y)$  is a “pseudo-homogeneous” leading part of  $f(y)$ . Namely, there exists a positive real vector  $s = (s_1, s_2, \dots, s_N)$  and real scalar  $r$  such that

$$\rho^r \rho^{-s} h(\rho^s y) = h(y) \quad (2.4)$$

and

$$\rho^r \rho^{-s} g(\rho^s y) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \rho \rightarrow 0,$$

$$\text{uniformly for } |y| \leq 1. \quad (2.5)$$

Here

$$\rho^s y = (\rho^{s_1} y^{(1)}, \rho^{s_N} y^{(N)}),$$

$$\rho^r \rho^{-s} h = (\rho^r \rho^{-s_1} h^{(1)}, \dots, \rho^r \rho^{-s_N} h^{(N)}) \quad (2.6)$$

and similarly in (2.5).

Assume that the leading system

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = h(y) \quad (2.7)$$

does not have bounded solution for  $-\infty < x < \infty$  but  $y = 0$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** Under the above assumptions the set of bounded solutions of (2.2) is uniformly bounded in the maximum norm.

*Proof.* Assume to the contrary that there exists a sequence of bounded solutions  $y_n(x)$  such that  $\sup_x |y_n(x)| \rightarrow \infty$ . Introduce the norm  $\|y\| = \sum_{i=1}^N |y^{(i)}|^{1/s_i}$ . Without loss we may assume that

$$\|y_n(0)\| = \rho_n \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_x \|y_n(x)\|/\rho_n \leq 2. \quad (2.8)$$

Change the variables  $z = \rho_n^{-s} y$ ,  $\xi = \rho_n^{-r} x$ . Then the function  $z_n(\xi)$  satisfies the equations

$$\frac{dz_n}{d\xi} = \varphi_n(z_n) = h(z_n) + \rho_n^r \rho_n^{-s} g(\rho_n^s z_n), \quad (2.9)$$

while

$$\|z_n(0)\| = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \sup_{\xi} \|z_n(\xi)\| \leq 2. \quad (2.10)$$

Clearly, in the bounded set  $\|z\| \leq 2$  the term  $\rho^r \rho^{-s} g(\rho^s z)$  tends uniformly to 0 as  $\rho \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $\|z_n(\xi)\|$  and  $\|dz_n(\xi)/d\xi\|$  are uniformly bounded, there exists a subsequence of  $z_n(\xi)$  which converges uniformly on any finite interval to a bounded solution  $z(\xi)$  of the equation  $dz/d\xi = h(z)$ . In view of (2.10)  $\|z(0)\| = 1$  which contradicts our assumption about the system (2.7).

Lemma 2.1 obviously applies to system (2.1) with  $h(\bar{y}) = (y_2, y_3, -\frac{1}{2}y_1^2)$ ,  $s = (1, 4/3, 5/3)$  and  $r = -1/3$ . The system  $d\bar{y}/dx = h(\bar{y})$  is equivalent to the single equation  $y''' = -\frac{1}{2}y^2$  for  $y = y_1$ . One can easily show that the last equation does not have bounded solutions. Although the function  $f$  in (2.1) depends on a parameter  $c$ , it is clear that in a compact domain of  $y$  and  $c$  variables, the function  $g(\bar{y}) = (0, 0, c^2 - y_2)$  satisfies the condition of (2.5).

For  $c \gg 1$  change in (1.5) the variables

$$z = y/(c\sqrt{2}), \quad \xi = x(c\sqrt{2})^{1/3}. \quad (2.11)$$

Eq. (1.5) then becomes

$$\frac{dz^3}{d\xi^3} + \varepsilon \frac{dz}{d\xi} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - z^2), \quad \varepsilon = (c\sqrt{2})^{-2/3} \ll 1 \quad (2.12)$$

or as a system

$$\frac{d\bar{z}}{d\xi} = (z_2, z_3, \frac{1}{2}(1 - z_1^2) - \epsilon z_2), \quad \bar{z} = (z_1, z_2, z_3). \tag{2.13}$$

Again, as in system (2.1), the set of the bounded solutions of (2.13) for  $\epsilon$  in a compact interval  $\epsilon \in [0, \epsilon_*]$  is uniformly bounded.

Our next step is to show that the Conley index of the set of all bounded solutions of (2.1) is zero. Let us recall briefly (for details see [17]) some properties of this index.

a) Conley’s index is a homotopy type of a pointed topological space.

b) For each isolated invariant set of a flow there is a corresponding index.

c) The index of a disjoint union of isolated invariant sets of a flow is a sum of their indices (i.e., the homotopy type of the wedge of the corresponding pointed topological spaces).

d) The index of an isolated invariant set does not change under a homotopy of the flow (provided the invariant set remains isolated under the homotopy).

e) The index of a hyperbolic critical point or of a hyperbolic periodic orbit is non-zero.

The flow in (2.1) could be extended by a two parameter homotopy

$$\frac{d\bar{y}}{dx} = (y_2, y_3, t - sy_2 - \frac{1}{2}y_1^2), \tag{2.14}$$

$$t \in [-c^2, c^2], s \in [0, 1]$$

to

$$\frac{d\bar{y}}{dx} = (y_2, y_3, -c^2 - \frac{1}{2}y_1^2).$$

The last system does not have bounded solutions (see [17], p. 12). Denote by  $I(t, s)$  the set of all bounded solutions of (2.2). Again as in (2.1)  $I(t, s)$  is uniformly bounded (and thus isolated) for  $t$  and  $s$  as in (2.14). Since the index of  $I(-c^2, 0) = \emptyset$  is zero, so is the index of  $I(t, s)$ . Note that for  $t > 0$  system (2.14) has two critical points  $\bar{y}_L = (\sqrt{2t}, 0, 0)$  and  $\bar{y}_R = -\bar{y}_L$ , which are both hyperbolic. Thus we have proved

**Theorem 2.1.** Critical points or hyperbolic periodic orbits may not be isolated components of the set of bounded solutions of (2.14) for  $t > 0$ .

Now we consider eq. (1.5) for large  $c$  or equivalently (2.13) for small  $\epsilon > 0$ . For  $\epsilon = 0$  system (2.13) was firstly studied in [18] (see also [19] and [17]). Clearly it has a non-trivial bounded solution. Since there is Liapunov function  $L(\bar{z}) = z_2 z_3 - z_1/2 + z_1^3/6$ , the above solution connects the critical points. Recently McCord [20] has shown that there is only one non-trivial bounded solution. Hence the solution is odd, i.e.  $z = z_1(x)$  is an odd function. Moreover,  $z_1(x)$  vanishes only at 0 and  $dz_1/dx(0) < 0$ . It is then easy to show that the two dimensional stable manifold  $M_{st}(\bar{z}_R)$  of the critical point  $\bar{z}_R = (-1, 0, 0)$  and the unstable two-dimensional manifold  $M_u(\bar{z}_L)$  of the critical point  $\bar{z}_L = -\bar{z}_R$  intersect transversally along the above bounded solution. We claim that the same results hold also for small  $\epsilon \neq 0$ . Namely,

**Theorem 2.2.** There exists a constant  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  such that for all  $|\epsilon| < \epsilon_0$  system (2.13) has one and only one (up to translation) bounded solution  $\bar{z}(x; \epsilon)$ . This solution connects the critical points  $\bar{z}_L$  and  $\bar{z}_R$ ,  $z_1(x; \epsilon)$  is an odd function of  $x$  and vanishes only at  $x = 0$ .

*Proof.* The transversality implies that for small  $\epsilon$  system (2.13) has a bounded solution  $\bar{z}(x; \epsilon)$  which is close to  $\bar{z}(x; 0)$  and connects the critical points. Moreover we may assume that  $\bar{z}(0; \epsilon) = 0$  and that  $\bar{z}(x; \epsilon) \neq 0$  for  $x \neq 0$ . In order to prove uniqueness suppose by contrary that there is a sequence  $\epsilon_n \rightarrow 0$  and corresponding non-trivial bounded solution  $\bar{z}_n(x)$  and  $\bar{z}'_n(x)$  of (2.13) so that  $\bar{z}'_n$  is not a shift of  $\bar{z}_n$ . Since the above solutions are uniformly bounded, without loss we may assume that both sequences  $\bar{z}_n$  and  $\bar{z}'_n$  converge uniformly on finite intervals to the solution  $\bar{z}(x; 0)$ . As it follows from lemma 2.2 below, for sufficiently large  $n$  the solutions  $\bar{z}_n$  and  $\bar{z}'_n$  connect the critical points  $\bar{z}_L$  and  $\bar{z}_R$  and thus the corresponding unstable and stable manifolds intersect along two close trajectories

This, however, contradicts the transversality of the intersection for  $\varepsilon = 0$ . Thus it remains to prove

*Lemma 2.2.* Let  $\bar{z}_n(x)$  be a sequence of bounded solutions of system (2.13). Suppose that  $\bar{z}_n(x)$  converges uniformly on bounded intervals to  $\bar{z}(x; 0)$  as  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_n \rightarrow 0$ . Then for sufficiently large  $n$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \bar{z}_n(x) = \bar{z}_L = (1, 0, 0)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \bar{z}_n(x) = \bar{z}_R = (-1, 0, 0)$ .

*Proof.* First observe that for any neighborhood  $U_R$  of  $\bar{z}_R$  which is disjoint with  $\bar{z}_L$  there exist  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  and a neighborhood  $U'_R \subset U_R$  of  $\bar{z}_R$  such that for  $|\varepsilon| \leq \varepsilon_0$  any bounded solution of (2.13) which belongs to  $U'_R$  for some  $x = x_0$  will stay in  $U_R$  for  $x > x_0$ . Indeed, otherwise there exists sequence  $\varepsilon_n \rightarrow 0$  and corresponding sequence of bounded solutions  $\bar{z}_n(x)$  so that  $\bar{z}_n(x_0) \rightarrow \bar{z}_R$ ,  $\bar{z}_n(x_n) \notin U_R$  for some  $x_n > x_0$  and  $\bar{z}_n(x) \in U_R$  for  $x_0 \leq x < x_n$ . By uniform boundedness of  $\bar{z}_n(x)$  we may assume that  $\bar{z}_n(x_n)$  converges to  $\bar{z}_* \in \mathbb{R}^3 \setminus U_R$ . Clearly  $\bar{z}_*$  belongs to the bounded trajectory  $\bar{z}(x; 0)$ . Note that  $x_n \rightarrow \infty$  since otherwise  $\bar{z}_*$  would be connected with  $\bar{z}_R$  in backward direction by  $\bar{z}(x; 0)$ . Now, leaving  $\bar{z}_*$  by the trajectory  $\bar{z}(x; 0)$  in backward direction we should reach in a finite time  $T$  a small neighborhood  $U_L$  of  $\bar{z}_L$ . By continuity, for large  $n$  also  $\bar{z}_n(x_n - T) \in U_L$ . However  $x_n - T > x_0$  for large  $n$  and therefore  $\bar{z}_n(x_n - T) \in U_R$ . Hence a contradiction. Now, for sufficiently small  $U_R$  and  $\varepsilon$  any solution of (2.13) which stays in  $U_R$  in forward time will tend to  $\bar{z}_R$ . We choose a corresponding  $U'_R$  and a small  $\varepsilon_0$ , and similarly for the point  $\bar{z}_L$ . Select  $T$  such that  $\bar{z}(-T; 0) \in U'_L$  and  $\bar{z}(T; 0) \in U'_R$ . Then for sufficiently large  $n$ ,  $\bar{z}_n(-T)$  and  $\bar{z}_n(T)$  belong to the above neighborhoods and thus  $\bar{z}_n$  connects the critical points.

Q.E.D.

We conclude this section with the following observation:

*Lemma 2.3.* Let  $\bar{y}(x)$  be a bounded solution of (2.1) such that  $\bar{y}(x)$  has no limit as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$  ( $x \rightarrow$

$-\infty$ ). Then  $+\infty$  ( $-\infty$ ) is an accumulation point of the zeros of  $y_1(x)$ .

*Proof.* Indeed, otherwise  $y_1(x)$  is of a constant sign for  $x$  greater than some  $x_0$ . The function  $L(\bar{y}) = y_3^2 + y_2^2 + y_1^2 y_2 - 2c^2 y_2$  is then a Liapunov function of (2.1) for  $x > x_0$  since  $dL(\bar{y})/dx = 2y_1 y_2^2$ , and therefore  $\bar{y}(x)$  has a limit at  $+\infty$ .

### 3. Periodic and quasi-periodic solutions for $c \ll 1$ .

Consider eq. (1.5) for  $0 < c \ll 1$ . As in [9] we are looking for periodic solutions with frequency  $\omega = 1 + \mathcal{O}(c)$ . It is convenient to rescale the variables so that the period is independent of  $c$ . Introduce

$$\xi = \omega x, \quad z = y/\omega^3. \tag{3.1}$$

Then

$$\frac{d^3 z}{d\xi^3} + \lambda \frac{dz}{d\xi} = \varepsilon^2 - \frac{z^2}{2}, \tag{3.2}$$

where

$$\varepsilon = c/\omega^3, \quad \lambda = \omega^{-2} = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon). \tag{3.3}$$

Periodic solution of (3.2) with period  $2\pi$  could be found by means of a power expansion in  $\varepsilon$

$$z_{\text{per}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} z_n(\xi) \varepsilon^n, \quad \lambda = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda_n \varepsilon^n. \tag{3.4}$$

Substitution of (3.4) into (3.2) gives

$$\begin{aligned} z_1''' + z_1' &= 0, & z_2''' + z_2' &= 1 - \lambda_1 z_1' - z_1^2/2, \\ z_3''' + z_3' &= -\lambda_1 z_2' - \lambda_2 z_1' - z_1 z_2, & \text{etc.} \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Thus  $z_1 = b_{10} + a_{11} \sin \xi + b_{11} \cos \xi$ . Shifting  $\xi$  one may always assume that  $b_{11} = 0$ . In order to avoid resonance in the equation for  $z_2$  one should assume that  $\lambda_1 = 0$ ,  $b_{10} a_{11} = 0$  and  $b_{10}^2/2 + a_{11}^2/4 = 1$ . Here there are two possibilities. If  $a_{11} = 0$  then  $b_{10} = \pm \sqrt{2}$  and we recover the stationary solution  $z \equiv \pm \varepsilon \sqrt{2}$ . If  $b_{10} \equiv 0$ , then  $a_{11} = \pm 2$  and as it

follows from consequent equations,

$$z_n(\xi) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{nk} \sin k\xi, \tag{3.6}$$

so that  $z_{\text{per}}(\xi)$  is an odd function. The solutions with  $a_{11} = +2$  and  $a_{11} = -2$  are related by the shift  $\xi \rightarrow \xi + \pi$ . Let us select  $a_{11} = -2$  so that for small  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $z'(0) < 0$ . The first two terms of the expansion are

$$\begin{aligned} z_{\text{per}} &= -2\varepsilon \sin \xi - \frac{1}{6}\varepsilon^2 \sin 2\xi + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^3), \\ \lambda &= 1 + \varepsilon^2/12 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^4). \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

Actually all  $\lambda_{2n+1} = 0$  and  $a_{nk} = 0$  if  $n - k$  is odd. The expansion in (3.4) could be justified rigorously using the Liapunov–Schmidt reduction. Namely, a periodic solution of (3.2) with period  $2\pi$  may be expanded as

$$\begin{aligned} z_{\text{per}}(\xi) &= b_0 + a_1 \sin \xi \\ &+ \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \sin n\xi + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n \cos n\xi \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

(Shifting  $\xi$  if necessary we may assume that there is no  $\cos \xi$  in the expansion.) Let  $H$  be the Hilbert space of functions as in (3.8) with scalar product  $\langle u, v \rangle = \int_0^{2\pi} (u''\bar{v}'' + u\bar{v}) dx$  and  $H_1 = L_2[0, 2\pi]$ . We consider the mapping

$$F: (z, \mu, \varepsilon) \rightarrow z''' + (1 + \mu)z' - \varepsilon^2 + z^2/2 \tag{3.9}$$

as a mapping from  $H \oplus \mathbb{C} \oplus \mathbb{C}$  into  $H_1$ . Clearly  $F$  is differentiable and even analytic. Denote by  $\tilde{H} \subset H_1$  and  $\tilde{H}_1 \subset H_1$  the subspaces spanned by  $\sin n\xi$ ,  $\cos n\xi$ ,  $n \geq 2$  and let  $P: H \rightarrow \tilde{H}$ ,  $P_1: H_1 \rightarrow \tilde{H}_1$  be the corresponding orthogonal projectors. Consider the map

$$\tilde{F} = P_1 \circ F: H \oplus \mathbb{C} \oplus \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \tilde{H}_1. \tag{3.10}$$

Note that the differential  $d\tilde{F}(0)$  at zero when restricted to the subspace  $\tilde{H}$  is an isomorphism. Thus the implicit map theorem applies and the

equation  $\tilde{F}(z, \mu, \varepsilon) = 0$  could be solved as

$$\begin{aligned} Pz = \tilde{z} &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n \sin n\xi + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n \cos n\xi = f(b_0, a_1, \mu) \\ &= f_a(b_0, a_1, \mu) + f_b(b_0, a_1, \mu), \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

where  $f_a$  represents the first sum in  $\tilde{z}$  and  $f_b$  the second one. Note that  $b_0$ ,  $a_1$  and  $\mu$  enter  $\tilde{F}$  only through quadratic terms. Therefore

$$df(0) = 0. \tag{3.12}$$

Next, the map  $\tilde{F}$  vanishes for all constant  $z = b_0$ . Therefore

$$f(b_0, 0, \mu) = 0. \tag{3.13}$$

Finally,  $F(z(\xi), \mu, \varepsilon) = F(-z(-\xi), \mu, \varepsilon)$ , and hence for  $b_0 = 0$

$$f_b(0, a_1, \mu) \equiv 0. \tag{3.14}$$

In view of (3.13) and (3.14) and the analyticity of

$$\begin{aligned} f_a(b_0, a_1, \mu) &= a_1 f'_a(b_0, a_1, \mu), \\ f_b(b_0, a_1, \mu) &= a_1 b_0 f'_b(b_0, a_1, \mu), \end{aligned} \tag{3.15}$$

where the maps  $f'_a$  and  $f'_b$  are analytic. By (3.12) also

$$f'_a(0) = 0. \tag{3.16}$$

Now consider the remaining equations  $(I - P_1) \circ F = 0$ . They are

$$\mu a_1 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n a_{n+1} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n b_{n+1} = 0 \tag{3.17}$$

for  $\cos \xi$  component,

$$-b_0 a_1 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (a_{n+1} - a_{n-1}) b_n = 0 \tag{3.18}$$

for  $\sin \xi$  component and

$$-\varepsilon^2 + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2 + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n^2 + \frac{1}{2} b_0^2 = 0 \tag{3.19}$$

for the constant component.

If  $a_1 = 0$ , by (3.13) and (3.19) we obtain the trivial solution  $z = \varepsilon\sqrt{2}$ . Now let  $a_1$  be small and different from 0. We will show that  $b_0 = 0$ . Indeed, otherwise divide (3.18) by  $b_0 a_1$ . Then

$$1 + \frac{1}{2}a_1 \left[ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (a'_{n+1} - a'_{n-1})b'_n \right] = 0, \quad (3.20)$$

where  $a'_n = a_n/a_1$ ,  $b'_n = b_n/a_1 b_0$ . In view of (3.15) the expression in the brackets in (3.20) is an analytic function of  $a_1$ ,  $b_0$  and  $\mu$ . However,  $a_1$  is small and thus (3.20) is impossible. It then follows from (3.14) that all  $b_n = 0$ . Then from (3.17) we recover

$$\mu = \frac{1}{2}a_1 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a'_n a'_{n+1} = a_1 f_{\mu}(a_1, \mu), \quad (3.21)$$

where  $f_{\mu}$  is an analytic function. By the implicit function theorem (3.21) could be solved for  $\mu$ :

$$\mu = a_1 \varphi_{\mu}(a_1). \quad (3.22)$$

Finally, eq. (3.19) is used to compute  $a_1$ ,

$$a_1^2 \left( 1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (a'_n)^2 \right) = 4\varepsilon^2. \quad (3.23)$$

Since by (3.16)  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (a'_n)^2 = \mathcal{O}(a_1^2)$  we get for small  $\varepsilon$

$$a_1 = \pm 2\varepsilon + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^3) \quad (3.24)$$

and then by (3.22) and (3.11) recover  $z$  and  $\lambda = 1 + \mu$  as analytic functions of  $\varepsilon$ .

Using a computer, we have calculated the first 100 terms of the expansion in (3.4). The radius of convergence is

$$|\varepsilon| \leq R \approx 3.558.$$

By (3.3) one can also reconstruct the values of  $\omega$  and  $c$  corresponding to  $\varepsilon$ . The  $\omega, c$  curve is shown on fig. 1. The maximal  $c = c_{\max} \approx 1.266$  corresponds to  $\omega \approx 0.84$ . The frequency  $\omega_0 = \sqrt{2}/2$ , as mentioned in the Introduction, is maximally

amplified by the linear terms in (1.1). The corresponding value of  $c^2 = 1.17$  in the graph is close to the mean propagation velocity  $c_0^2 \approx 1.2$  of a turbulent flame as calculated by the numerical experiment in [6]. The portion of the  $\omega, c$  curve on fig. 1 extending from  $P_0$  through  $P_1, P_2, P_3$  to  $Q$  corresponds to the above domain of convergence  $|\varepsilon| \leq R$ . For  $\varepsilon$  close to  $R$  one cannot rely any more on computations based on 100 terms of the expansion in (3.4). To circumvent this difficulty, we approximate (1.5) by a difference scheme in (4.1) and compute instead the periodic solutions of the scheme. The entire graph on fig. 1 is actually based on such computation with a step size  $\Delta x$  in (4.1) being  $l/N$  where  $l = l(c)$  is the period of the solution and  $N = 120$  is the number of grid points in the period. The periodic solution is found by following the fixed point of a corresponding Poincaré map, while the fixed points are computed using Newton's method. One should note that an expansion as in (3.4) exists also for the periodic solution of the difference scheme. We found that for  $N = 120$  the periodic solutions for the difference and differential equation in the domain  $P_0Q$  differ by less than 0.5%. The points  $P_i, P'_i$  on the graph are parabolic points, i.e. the eigenvalues of the Jacobian of the Poincaré map at these points are  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = -1$  or  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$ . At  $P_1, P_2, P_5, P_6, P'_5, P'_6$  the eigenvalues are  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = -1$  while at  $P_3, P_4, P'_7$  and  $P'_8$  they are  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$ . In all cases the Jacobian has a single eigenvector. At  $P_7$  the periodic solution coincides as a double loop with the one at  $P_1$  and follows (as a double loop) the branch  $P_1P_0$  until the endpoint  $P_8$ ! Thus, for the same values of  $c$  the frequency  $\omega$  at the branch  $P_7P_8$  is half the one at the branch  $P_1P_0$ . In the neighborhood of  $P_4$  we were surprised to find another fixed point of the Poincaré map corresponding to non-odd periodic solution. This solution branches out at  $P_4$  and continues through the points  $P'_5, P'_6, P'_7, P'_8$ . By symmetry,  $-y(-x)$  would be another non-odd solution. The values of  $\omega$  and  $c$  at the parabolic points appear on table I. Our computations show that the variable  $\varepsilon = c/\omega^3$  grows monotonically as one moves along the  $\omega, c$

Table I  
The values of  $c$  and  $\omega$  at the parabolic points

Parab. points	P <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	P <sub>4</sub>	P <sub>5</sub>	P <sub>6</sub>	P <sub>7</sub>	P <sub>5</sub> '	P <sub>6</sub> '	P <sub>7</sub> '	P <sub>8</sub> '
$c$	0.3195	1.2660	1.2664	0.5982	0.5796	0.3407	0.3195	0.606	0.9165	0.917	0.8365
$\omega$	0.9961	0.8424	0.8372	0.5548	0.5502	0.5012	0.4981	0.554	0.479	0.477	0.393
Eigenvalues	-1	-1	1	1	-1	-1	1	-1	-1	1	1

curve from P<sub>0</sub> towards Q and reaches its maximum at the point Q. Another experimental observation is that the coefficients  $\lambda_n$  of the expansion in (3.4) are positive. Hence at Q,  $\epsilon$  equals the radius of convergence  $R$  and  $d\lambda/d\epsilon$  is infinite there. We need the above arguments since a direct computation of the singular point of  $\lambda(\epsilon)$  using, a reasonable number of terms in (3.4) is too inaccurate.

Our next goal is to study the Poincaré map  $\mathcal{P}$  associated with the periodic solution  $z_{\text{per}}$  in (3.7). Change in (3.2) the variable

$$z \rightarrow z/\epsilon \tag{3.25}$$

and rewrite the corresponding equation as a system

$$\frac{d\bar{z}}{d\xi} = f(\bar{z}, \epsilon) = (z', z'', \epsilon - \epsilon z^2/2 - \lambda(\epsilon)z'),$$

$$\bar{z} = (z, z', z''). \tag{3.26}$$

The plane  $z'' = 0$  intersects the periodic trajectory  $\bar{z}_{\text{per}}$  at least at two points  $\bar{z}_0 = (0, z'_{\text{per}}(0), 0)$  and  $\bar{z}_1 = (0, z'_{\text{per}}(\pi), 0)$ . (We use the old notation  $z_{\text{per}}$  for the rescaled  $z_{\text{per}}/\epsilon$ ). Denote by  $R^2$  the plane  $z'' = 0$ , by  $D^2 \subset R^2$  a small disk centered at  $\bar{z}_0$  and by  $\mathcal{P}: D^2 \rightarrow R^2$  the corresponding Poincaré map. Observe that the flow in (3.26) is volume preserving since  $\text{div } f(\bar{z}, \epsilon) = 0$ . Hence the map  $\mathcal{P}$  preserves the measure  $(\epsilon - \epsilon z^2/2 - \lambda(\epsilon)z') dz dz'$ . As far as  $z'_{\text{per}}(0) < 0$  this measure is positive in a neighborhood of  $\bar{z}_0$ . For small  $\epsilon$ ,  $z'_{\text{per}}(0) = -2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) < 0$ . Our computations show that  $z'_{\text{per}}(0)$  remains negative along the whole curve on fig. 1. Besides the volume preservation, the flow in (3.26) is invariant under the change of variables  $(z, z', z'') \rightarrow (-z, z', -z'')$ ,  $\xi \rightarrow -\xi$ . As a result  $\mathcal{P}$

satisfies the identity

$$J\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}^{-1}J, \tag{3.27}$$

where  $J = J^{-1}: R^2 \rightarrow R^2$  maps the pair  $(z, z')$  into  $(-z, z')$ . Consider the differential  $d\mathcal{P}(\bar{z}_0)$  of the map  $\mathcal{P}$  at  $\bar{z}_0$ . Clearly,

$$|\det d\mathcal{P}(\bar{z}_0)| = 1. \tag{3.28}$$

In order to compute  $d\mathcal{P}(\bar{z}_0)$  one should solve the linearized equation

$$z''' + \lambda(\epsilon)z' = -\epsilon z_{\text{per}}z. \tag{3.29}$$

Expand

$$z = z_1 + \epsilon z_2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2). \tag{3.30}$$

Then,

$$z_1''' + z_1' = 0, \quad z_2''' + z_2' = 2 \sin \xi \cdot z_1, \tag{3.31}$$

so that

$$z = a_1(1 - \epsilon \xi \sin \xi) + a_2 \left( \sin \xi + \epsilon \xi + \epsilon \frac{\sin 2\xi}{6} \right) + a_3 \left( \cos \xi + \epsilon \frac{\cos 2\xi}{6} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2). \tag{3.32}$$

Now we impose conditions on  $a_3$  and  $\xi = 2\pi + \Delta$  so that

$$z''(0) = 0, \tag{3.3}$$

$$z''_{\text{per}}(2\pi + \Delta\xi) + z''(2\pi + \Delta\xi) = \mathcal{O}(\Delta\xi^2).$$

Thus

$$a_3 = -2a_1\epsilon + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) \tag{3.3}$$

and

$$\Delta\xi = -z''(2\pi)/(z'''_{\text{per}}(2\pi) + z'''(2\pi)) = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2). \quad (3.35)$$

The transformation  $d\mathcal{P}(\bar{z}_0)$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} d\mathcal{P}(\bar{z}_0): (z(0), z'(0)) \\ \rightarrow (z(2\pi) + \Delta\xi z'_{\text{per}}(0), z'(2\pi) + \Delta\xi z''_{\text{per}}(0)). \end{aligned} \quad (3.36)$$

An easy computation shows that

$$d\mathcal{P}(\bar{z}_0) = I + 2\pi\varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2). \quad (3.37)$$

For small  $\varepsilon$  the eigenvalues of  $d\mathcal{P}(\bar{z}_0)$  are

$$\lambda_{1,2} = e^{\pm i\alpha_0(\varepsilon)}, \quad \alpha_0(\varepsilon) = 2\pi\varepsilon + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2), \quad (3.38)$$

i.e. they are complex conjugate and on the unit circle. Thus for small  $\varepsilon$  the periodic solution is elliptic. This domain of ellipticity extends until the point  $P_1$  (see fig. 1). The other elliptic domains are  $P_2P_3$ ,  $P_4P_5$ ,  $P_6P_7$  and  $P_7P_8$  (the last one coincides with  $P_0P_1$ ). At the bifurcating branch of the non-odd periodic solution the elliptic domains are  $P_4P'_5$  and  $P'_6P'_7$ . In the elliptic regions one would expect the existence of nested invariant tori surrounding the periodic orbit. In order to prove it rigorously, one should verify the conditions of Moser's twist map theorem (e.g. see [13], pp. 225–228). First recall that the map  $\mathcal{P}$  depends analytically on  $z$  and  $z'$  in a small neighborhood  $D^2$  and preserves the positive measure  $(\varepsilon - \lambda(\varepsilon)z' - \varepsilon z^2/2) dz dz'$ . Next we should compute the Birkhoff normal form of  $\mathcal{P}$  (see [13], pp. 158–159). For small  $\varepsilon$  this could be done analytically. Change the variables

$$\delta z = z, \quad \delta z' = z' - z'_{\text{per}}(0). \quad (3.39)$$

In the new variables the Poincaré map  $\mathcal{P}$  depends analytically on  $\delta z$ ,  $\delta z'$  and  $\varepsilon$  in a neighborhood of 0. Our computations (see the appendix) show that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}(\delta z, \delta z'; \varepsilon) = d\mathcal{P}(\delta z, \delta z'; \varepsilon) \\ + d^2\mathcal{P}(\delta z, \delta z'; \varepsilon) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2), \end{aligned} \quad (3.40)$$

i.e. the higher differentials with respect to  $\delta z$  and  $\delta z'$  are of order  $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} d\mathcal{P}(\delta z, \delta z'; \varepsilon) \\ = \left[ I + 2\pi\varepsilon \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2) \right] \begin{pmatrix} \delta z \\ \delta z' \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.41)$$

$$\begin{aligned} d^2\mathcal{P}(\delta z, \delta z'; \varepsilon) \\ = \varepsilon\pi \begin{pmatrix} -(\delta z)^2 - (\delta z')^2/2 \\ \delta z \cdot \delta z' \end{pmatrix} + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2). \end{aligned} \quad (3.42)$$

Then a quadratic change of variables (see the appendix)

$$\delta z = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2i}}(u - \bar{u}) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon), \quad (3.43)$$

$$\delta z' = \frac{1}{2}(u + \bar{u}) - \frac{1}{16}(u^2 - 6u\bar{u} + \bar{u}^2) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$$

brings  $\mathcal{P}$  to the form

$$\mathcal{P}: (u, \bar{u}) \rightarrow (u_1, \bar{u}_1), \quad u_1 = e^{i\alpha}u + \varepsilon^2\mathcal{O}(|u|^4), \quad (3.44)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha = \alpha_0(\varepsilon) + \alpha_1(\varepsilon)u\bar{u}, \quad \alpha_0(\varepsilon) = 2\pi\varepsilon + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2), \\ \alpha_1(\varepsilon) = -\frac{3\pi}{8}\varepsilon + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2). \end{aligned} \quad (3.45)$$

Thus for small  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1(\varepsilon) \neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad n\alpha_0(\varepsilon) \neq 0 \pmod{2\pi}, \\ \text{for } 1 \leq n \leq 4, \end{aligned} \quad (3.46)$$

and the conditions of the twist map theorem have been verified. The result implied by the theorem is as follows:

*There exist numbers  $r_0 > 0$  and  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that for any  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_0)$  and any  $\omega \in (\alpha_0(\varepsilon), \alpha_0(\varepsilon) + \alpha_1(\varepsilon)r_0^2)$  satisfying infinitely many inequalities*

$$\left| \frac{\omega}{2\pi} - \frac{p}{q} \right| \geq \beta q^{-\tau} \quad (3.47)$$

*with some positive  $\beta$ ,  $\tau$  and all integers  $q > 0$ ,  $p$ ,*

there exists an invariant curve  $S$  of  $\mathcal{P}$  of the form

$$S: \delta z = \delta z(\varphi), \quad \delta z' = \delta z'(\varphi), \quad z'' = 0, \quad \varphi \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (3.48)$$

The functions  $\delta z(\varphi)$  and  $\delta z'(\varphi)$  are periodic with period  $2\pi$  and depend analytically on  $\varphi$ . The curve in (3.48) is a perturbation of order  $r\varepsilon$  of a circle

$$\delta z = -r \sin \varphi, \quad \delta z' = r \cos \varphi, \quad (3.49)$$

$$r = \left[ \frac{16}{3} \left( 1 - \frac{\omega}{2\pi\varepsilon} \right) \right]^{1/2}$$

and the map induced by  $\mathcal{P}$  on the curve is

$$\varphi \rightarrow \varphi + \omega. \quad (3.50)$$

The solutions of (3.26) which originate at the curve (3.48) form a two-dimensional torus  $\mathcal{T}$  and for  $-\infty < \xi < \infty$  each trajectory on the torus is everywhere dense in  $\mathcal{T}$ . We shall show that the above solutions are quasi-periodic functions of  $\xi$ . Let  $\mathcal{N}$  be a small tubular neighborhood of the periodic solution  $\bar{z}_{\text{per}}(\xi; \varepsilon)$ . One can parametrize  $\mathcal{N}$  in the longitudinal direction by a parameter  $\vartheta \in [0, 2\pi]$  so that

a)  $e^{i\vartheta}$  is an analytic function of  $\bar{z} \in \mathcal{N}$  and  $\varepsilon \in [-\varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_0]$ ;

b)  $\vartheta \equiv 0 \pmod{2\pi}$  at the section  $z'' = 0$  in a neighborhood of  $\bar{z}_0$ ;

c)  $\vartheta(\bar{z}_{\text{per}}(\xi; \varepsilon)) = \xi \in [0, 2\pi]$ .

To do this, one could for example define a reper

$$e_1(\xi; \varepsilon) = d\bar{z}_{\text{per}}(\xi; \varepsilon)/d\xi,$$

$$e_2(\xi; \varepsilon) = d^2\bar{z}_{\text{per}}(\xi; \varepsilon)/d\xi^2, \quad e_3 = e_1 \times e_2.$$

For small  $\varepsilon$  these vectors are independent. If  $\bar{n}(0)$  is a unit vector normal to the plane  $z'' = 0$  and  $\bar{n}(0) = \sum \alpha_i(\varepsilon) e_i(0; \varepsilon)$ , define

$$\bar{n}(\xi; \varepsilon) = \sum \alpha_i(\varepsilon) e_i(\xi; \varepsilon).$$

Now let  $\vartheta$  satisfy (c) and be constant along the sections

$$(\bar{z} - \bar{z}_{\text{per}}(\xi; \varepsilon)) \cdot \bar{n}(\xi; \varepsilon) = 0.$$

Then for small  $|\varepsilon|$  and  $\mathcal{N}$ ,  $\vartheta$  is defined uniquely and satisfies the above conditions. Now we introduce on  $\mathcal{T}$  global analytic coordinates  $(\varphi, \vartheta)$ ,  $\varphi \in [0, 2\pi]$ ,  $\vartheta \in [0, 2\pi]$  such that the trajectories of (3.26) on  $\mathcal{T}$  are described by

$$\varphi = \varphi_0 + (\omega/2\pi)\vartheta \pmod{2\pi}. \quad (3.51)$$

Along a trajectory, parameters  $\xi$  and  $\vartheta$  are related by the equation

$$\frac{d\xi}{d\vartheta} = g(\vartheta, \varphi; \varepsilon), \quad \frac{d\varphi}{d\vartheta} = \omega/2\pi, \quad (3.52)$$

where  $g(\vartheta, \varphi; \varepsilon)$  is analytic in  $\vartheta$ ,  $\varphi$  and  $\varepsilon$  and periodic in  $\vartheta$ ,  $\varphi$  with period  $2\pi$ . In view of the conditions in (3.47),  $\xi$  could be written as

$$\xi = \beta_0 \vartheta + h_0(\vartheta), \quad (3.53)$$

where  $\beta_0 = (2\pi)^{-2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} g(\vartheta, \varphi; \varepsilon) d\vartheta d\varphi$  and  $h_0(\vartheta)$  is a quasi-periodic function of the class  $Q(1, \omega/2\pi)$  (see [13], pp. 258–264). Note that for small  $\mathcal{N}$  and  $\varepsilon$ ,  $g(\vartheta, \varphi; \varepsilon) \approx 1$  and  $d\xi/d\vartheta$  is bounded away from 0. Thus the inverse function is

$$\vartheta = \beta_0^{-1} \xi + h_1(\xi), \quad (3.54)$$

where  $h_1(\xi)$  is quasi-periodic and belongs to the class  $Q(\beta_0^{-1}, \beta_0^{-1}\omega/2\pi)$ . Since  $\bar{z}$  is a periodic function of  $\varphi$ ,  $\vartheta$ , the trajectory  $\bar{z}(\xi)$  is a quasi-periodic function of  $\xi$  of the class  $Q(\beta_0^{-1}, \beta_0^{-1}\omega/2\pi)$ .

Finally we will show that the integral

$$w(\xi) = \int_{r=0}^{\xi} z(\tau) d\tau \quad (3.55)$$

is quasi-periodic too. Consider the invariant curve in (3.48). We may assume that  $\delta z(0) = 0$ . As it follows from (3.27), the curve

$$\varphi \rightarrow (-\delta z(-\varphi), \delta z'(-\varphi)) \quad (3.56)$$

is also invariant under  $\mathcal{P}$ . By uniqueness  $\delta z(n\omega) = -\delta z(-n\omega)$  and  $\delta z'(n\omega) = \delta z'(-n\omega)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Hence

$$\delta z(\varphi) = -\delta z(-\varphi), \quad \delta z'(\varphi) = \delta z'(-\varphi). \quad (3.57)$$

Let  $\bar{z}(\xi)$  be a trajectory of (3.26) which originates (when  $\xi = 0$ ) at the point  $(\delta z(\varphi), \delta z'(\varphi), z'' = 0)$  and let  $\tau(\varphi)$  be the value of  $\xi$  as the trajectory reaches the point  $(\delta z(\varphi + \omega), \delta z'(\varphi + \omega), z'' = 0)$ . Denote  $g(\varphi) = \int_0^{\tau(\varphi)} z(\xi) d\xi$ . Clearly,  $g(\varphi)$  is an analytic function of  $\varphi$  with period  $2\pi$ . Observe that  $(-z(-\xi), z'(-\xi), -z''(-\xi))$  is a trajectory of (3.26) which connects the points  $(\delta z(-\varphi - \omega), \delta z'(-\varphi - \omega), z'' = 0)$  and  $(\delta z(-\varphi), \delta z'(-\varphi), z'' = 0)$  as  $\xi$  changes from  $-\tau(\varphi)$  to 0. Hence

$$g(-\varphi - \omega) = \int_{-\tau(\varphi)}^0 -z(-\xi) d\xi = -g(\varphi),$$

and consequently

$$\int_0^{2\pi} g(\varphi) d\varphi = 0. \tag{3.58}$$

As a result of (3.58) and (3.47) the sums

$$\sum_{n=0}^N g(\varphi + n\omega) \tag{3.59}$$

are uniformly bounded. This implies that the average

$$\lim_{\xi \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\xi} \int_0^\xi z(\tau) d\tau = 0. \tag{3.60}$$

Hence  $w(\xi)$  is a quasi-periodic function of the class  $Q(\beta_0^{-1}, \beta_0^{-1}\omega/2\pi)$ . Recall that the function  $w(\xi)$  is proportional to  $v(x)$  in (1.3). Thus, we have proved the existence of slowly propagating quasi-periodic flame fronts (in Sivashinsky’s model). These waves have the basic frequency of order 1, and a modulation with an incommensurable frequency of order  $\omega/2\pi$ .

Moser’s twist map theorem tells us that the relative measure of the invariant tori in  $\mathcal{N}$  tends to 1 as  $\mathcal{N}$  shrinks to the periodic orbit. The domains bounded by each pair of (coelestial) tori is invariant under the flow. Besides the quasi-periodic solutions there is also an infinite set of periodic solutions which is everywhere dense in  $\mathcal{N}$ . The frequency  $\omega$  of periodic solutions (which is a

rational number) lies in the range  $(\alpha_0(\varepsilon), \alpha_0(\varepsilon) + \alpha_1(\varepsilon)\tau_0^2)$ . It is quite possible that for some periodic solutions the average in (3.60) is non-zero and the corresponding integral in (3.55) has a non-zero slope.

#### 4. Numerical experiments

In order to gather more information about the set of bounded solutions of (1.5), especially for intermediate values of  $c$ , we have approximated (1.5) by a difference equation and solved it on a computer. The difference scheme employed was

$$\begin{aligned} (y_{j+3} - 3y_{j+2} + 3y_{j+1} - y_j)/\Delta x^3 \\ + (y_{j+2} - y_{j+1})/\Delta x = c^2 - \frac{1}{4}(y_{j+2}^2 + y_{j+1}^2), \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

$j \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

where  $y_j$  is the value of the grid function at  $x_j = j\Delta x$ . The scheme in (4.1) maintains the symmetry of the equation in (1.5) in the sense that it is invariant under the transformation

$$j \rightarrow -j, \quad y \rightarrow -y. \tag{4.2}$$

We have investigated mainly the odd solutions of (4.1), i.e. those which satisfy the initial conditions

$$y_0 = 0, \quad y_1 = -y_{-1} = \Delta x \cdot s, \tag{4.3}$$

where  $s$  is a parameter. The values of  $y_j$ ,  $j \geq 2$  are then calculated by (4.1) until  $|y_j|$  exceed a certain large number  $y_{\max}$ . Denote by  $x_{\max}(s)$  the point  $x_j = j\Delta x$  where for the first time  $|y_j| \geq y_{\max}$ . Recall that for  $c \in [0, c_0]$  all bounded solutions of (1.5) lay in a strip  $|y| \leq y_{\max}$  where  $y_{\max}$  depends only on  $c_0$ . The same is true for eq. (4.1). Thus for bounded solutions  $x_{\max}(s) = \infty$ . It was a surprising empirical observation that with a few exceptions all local maxima of  $x_{\max}(s)$  have been infinite. Hence a sequence  $s_1 < s_2 < s_3$  with non-monotone  $x_{\max}(s_i)$  would imply that for some  $s \in [s_1, s_3]$  the corresponding solution is bounded. Of course one cannot be sure that there is only one bounded solution. Hence the interval was subdivided

vided into, say, 100 subintervals, and if no additional maxima appeared, it was assumed that there is only one bounded solution. Then a Golden Section method for a univalent function was employed in order to converge to above  $s$ . As suggested by the theory in sections 2 and 3, only solutions connecting the critical points were isolated. Since these solutions are asymptotically unstable, in order to reach  $x_{\max} \approx 100$  the double precision on CDC (i.e. 30 decimal digits) was required. We set  $y_{\max} = 10$ ,  $\Delta x \approx 0.05$  and considered  $c$  in the interval  $[0, 4]$ . The results are as follows. For  $c > c_1 \approx 1.283$  problem (4.1), (4.3) has a single bounded solution. This solution corresponds to  $s < 0$ , vanishes only at  $j = 0$  and tends to the critical points. We followed this solution until  $c = 0.2$ . As  $c$  decreased, the above solution did not change its shape, i.e. vanished only at  $j = 0$ , until we reached  $c \approx 0.3$ . Then additional zero point evolved which split in two as  $c$  decreased below 0.3. At  $c = 0.2$  our solution was almost unseparable from an invariant tori. At  $c = c_1 \approx 1.283$  a bifurcation occurs. A new bounded solution  $y_j^{(1)}$  with a slope  $s_1 > 0$  is born. This solution has exactly one zero for  $j > 0$  (i.e. one change of sign) and connects the critical points. For  $c < c_1$ ,  $y_j^{(1)}$  splits into two similar solutions  $y_j^{(1)}$  and  $y_j^{(-1)}$  with slopes  $s_1$  and  $s_{-1}$ . At  $c = c_2 \approx 1.274$  a second bifurcation occurs where another solution  $y_j^{(2)}$  with a slope  $s_2 < 0$  is formed. For  $c < c_2$ ,  $y_j^{(2)}$  splits into  $y_j^{(2)}$  and  $y_j^{(-2)}$  with slopes  $s_2, s_{-2} < 0$ . Both  $y_j^{(2)}$  and  $y_j^{(-2)}$  have exactly 2 zeros in the domain  $j < 0$ . As  $c$  decreases, at  $c = c_3 \approx 1.2679$  and  $c = c_4 \approx 1.2673$  solutions  $y_j^{(3)}$  and  $y_j^{(4)}$  are formed with correspondingly 3 and 4 zeros in the half line  $j < 0$ . On the other hand eq. (4.1) like (1.5) has periodic solution. Namely, for  $\Delta x(0) = 2\pi/N$ ,  $N$  integer, there exist analytic functions  $\Delta x = \Delta x(\epsilon)$ ,  $c = c(\epsilon)$  and periodic grid function  $y_j^{(\text{per})}(\epsilon)$ ,  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $y_j^{(\text{per})}(\epsilon) = y_{j+N}^{(\text{per})}(\epsilon)$  which satisfy (4.1). We have computed, the above functions for  $N = 120$ . The graph of  $c(\epsilon)$  versus the discrete frequency  $\omega(\epsilon) = 2\pi/(N\Delta x(\epsilon))$  is almost the same as for the periodic solution of (1.5). In particular, the maximal value  $c_{\max}$  of  $c(\epsilon)$  is

1.2664 instead of 1.2662 for the differential problem. Our computations at  $c = c_{\max}$  with the corresponding  $\Delta x = \Delta x(\epsilon) \approx 0.0625$  show that the set of *odd* bounded solutions of (4.1) consists of two sequences  $\{y_j^{(n)}\}$  and  $\{y_j^{(-n)}\}$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  with slopes  $s_n$  and  $s_{-n}$  and a periodic solution  $y_j^{(\text{per})}$ . The functions  $y_j^{(n)}$  and  $y_j^{(-n)}$  have  $n$  zeros (i.e. changes of sign) in the domain  $j > 0$ , and tend to the critical points  $\pm c_{\max} \cdot \sqrt{2}$ . The slope  $s_n$  is positive for  $n$  odd and negative for  $n$  even. The sequences  $s_{2n}$  and  $s_{2n+1}$ ,  $n > 0$  are decreasing,  $s_{-2n}, s_{-2n-1}$  are increasing. The limits  $s_{\text{ev}} = \lim s_{2n} = \lim s_{-2n}$  and  $s_{\text{od}} = \lim s_{2n+1} = \lim s_{-2n-1}$  are the slopes of the periodic solution  $y_j^{(\text{per})}$  corresponding to  $c_{\max}$  at  $j = 0$  and at  $j = N/2$ . The functions  $y_j^{(2n)}$  thus tend to  $y_j^{(\text{per})}$  while  $y_j^{(2n+1)}$  tend to  $y_{j+N/2}^{(\text{per})}$ . The above statement is indeed a conjecture which is based on actual computation of  $y_j^{(\pm n)}$  for  $|n| \leq 20$  and  $x_j \leq 80-90$ . On an interval  $0 \leq x \leq 80-90$  we observe about 20–25 local extrema of the function  $y_j^{(n)}$ . Note that the condition  $x_{\max}(s) > 90$  sometimes determines  $s$  up to 25 significant digits! Based on the above results we also conjecture that there is a sequence of bifurcation points  $c_n$  which tends monotonically to  $c_{\max}$ . At  $c = c_n$  the solution  $y_j^{(n)}$  is born and splits into  $y_j^{(n)}$  and  $y_j^{(-n)}$  as  $c$  decreases beyond  $c_n$ . On fig. 2 the solutions  $y_j^{(0)}, y_j^{(1)}, y_j^{(-1)}, y_j^{(3)}$  and  $y_j^{(\text{per})}$  at  $c = c_{\max}$  are displayed. We followed  $y_j^{(0)}$  until  $c = 0.2$  and  $y_j^{(-2)}$  and  $y_j^{(-4)}$  until  $c = 0.3$  (see figs. 10 and 11). The solution  $y_j^{(-4)}$  disappeared somewhere between  $c = 0.3$  and  $c = 0.295$  while  $y_j^{(-2)}$  disappeared between  $c = 0.295$  and  $c = 0.293$ . We conjecture that each solution  $y_j^{(n)}$  exists until some  $c'_n$ . At  $c = c'_n$ ,  $y_j^{(n)}$  becomes a limit of a sequence of bounded oscillating solutions and disappears for  $c < c'_n$ .

As  $c$  decreases beyond  $c_{\max} \approx 1.26644$ , there is sudden change in the set of bounded solution. The periodic solution splits into two. The elliptic one is surrounded by a thin invariant torus. As  $c$  decreases from  $c_{\max}$  to  $c \approx 1.26603$  at the parabolic point  $P_2$  (fig. 1), the thickness of the maximal torus measured by the slope  $s$  first increases from 0 to  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  and then decreases back to 0. By the

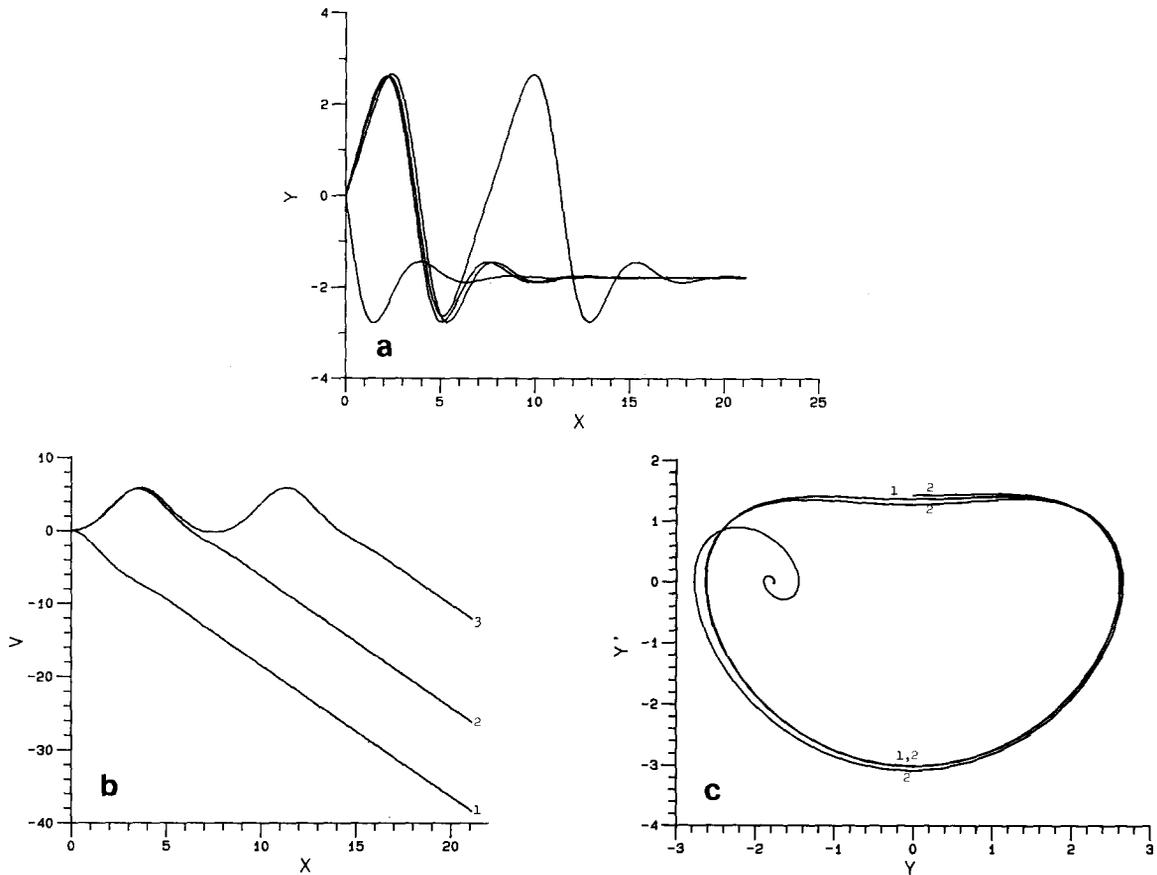


Fig. 2(a)  $c = c_{\max} \approx 1.266$ , asymptotic solutions  $y^{(0)}$ ,  $y^{(1)}$ ,  $y^{(-1)}$  and  $y^{(3)}$ . (b)  $c = c_{\max}$ , curves 1, 2, 3 represent the Bunsen flames corresponding to the solutions  $y^{(0)}$ ,  $y^{(1)}$ ,  $y^{(3)}$ . (c)  $c = c_{\max}$ , curves 1 and 2 correspond to the solutions  $y_{\text{per}}$  and  $y^{(3)}$ .

rem 2.1 the hyperbolic periodic solution may not be isolated from other bounded solutions. Denote by  $I$  the set of slopes  $s$  corresponding to the bounded odd solutions of (4.1). At  $c = 1.2663$  (i.e. between the points  $P_3$  and  $P_2$ ) the set  $I$  is as follows. First,  $I$  splits into two parts  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ , where  $I_1$  is concentrated near  $s = -3.0275$  and  $I_2$  near  $s = 1.36$ . These are approximately the slopes of periodic solutions at  $\xi = 0$  and  $\xi = \pi$ . The lower bound of  $I_1$  is  $s_0 \approx -3.1567$ , the upper bound is  $s_2 \approx -3.0111$ . These slopes correspond to solutions  $y^{(0)}$  and  $y^{(2)}$  above. The slopes  $s$  of odd solutions which lie in the invariant torus form two intervals  $J_1 \subset I_1$  and  $J_2 \subset I_2$ , where  $J_1 \approx [-3.0266, -3.0247]$ . The set  $I_1 \setminus \text{Int}(J_1)$  consists of a Cantor type set  $K_1$  and a discrete set  $D_1$ . The

solutions corresponding to  $s \in K_1$  are oscillating and presumably nonquasiperiodic (we computed about 20 oscillations). The solutions corresponding to  $s \in D_1$  are asymptotic (i.e. connect the critical points) and are isolated. The set of the limit points of  $D_1$  is exactly  $K_1$ . Thus, all oscillating (odd) solutions from  $K_1$  are limits of asymptotic solution with increasing numbers of zero. The set  $I_2$  has a similar structure. Of course our claim is a conjecture based on numerical experiments. We are scanning a certain interval of slopes  $s$  with an increment  $\Delta s$  and are looking for local maxima of  $x_{\max}(s)$ . Suppose they are  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n$ . If  $\Delta s$  is sufficiently small we usually did not “jump over” such maxima. Then for each  $s_i$  the neighborhood  $(s_i - \Delta s, s_i + \Delta s)$  is scanned with smaller  $\Delta s_i$ , say

$\Delta s_1 = \Delta s/400$ . If no additional maxima were found, we concluded that there is a unique maxima in the above interval which corresponds to an asymptotic solution. Additional scanings and convergence to the maximum always supported this conclusion. If, however, new maxima were found, their distributions on a smaller scale repeated the distribution of  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n$ .

The picture described above does not change qualitatively until the invariant torus disappears as  $c$  reaches the point  $P_2$ . For values of  $c$  between  $P_2$  and  $P_4$  both odd periodic solutions are hyperbolic. Here the set  $I$  consists of a Cantor type set  $K$  and a discrete set  $D$  of isolated asymptotic solutions. In general we did not investigate the non-odd bounded solution. However, the presence of non-odd periodic solutions of the branch  $P_5P_7P_8'$  considerably effects the shape of odd bounded solutions. For  $c$  between  $P_7'$  and  $P_8'$ , i.e.  $0.83645 < c < 0.91695$  the picture is the most interesting. On fig. 3 one can see the projections of 4 periodic orbits on the  $y, y'$  plane for  $c = 0.85$ . The reflection  $y \rightarrow -y, y' \rightarrow y'$  would provide two more non-odd periodic solutions. On figs. 5a–5d we have displayed a typical odd bounded solution for  $c = 0.85$  ( $x \geq 0$ ). The corresponding flame front  $v(x)$  on fig. 5d looks completely chaotic. Indeed, numerical experiments with the P.D.E. (1.1) in [6] resulted in flame fronts of the above type. Moreover a closer look on fig. 5a reveals that the trajectory follows closely the periodic orbits for the same value of  $c$ . Indeed, three loops around the critical point  $y = -\sqrt{2} \approx 1.2, y' = 0$  are very close to the periodic solutions 3 and 4 on fig. 3 and to the one on fig. 4d (corresponding to the point  $P_7'$ ). The large cycle lies near the odd periodic solution #1 on fig. 3 and four loops around the right critical point follow closely the reflected non-odd period solutions. From fig. 5c one can understand the order in which the loops are followed. The small oscillations near  $-1$  correspond to the left centered loops, the one near  $1$  – to the right centered ones and the simple wave at  $88 < x < 95$  corresponds to the large symmetric cycle. On fig. 6a we observe another odd bounded solution for

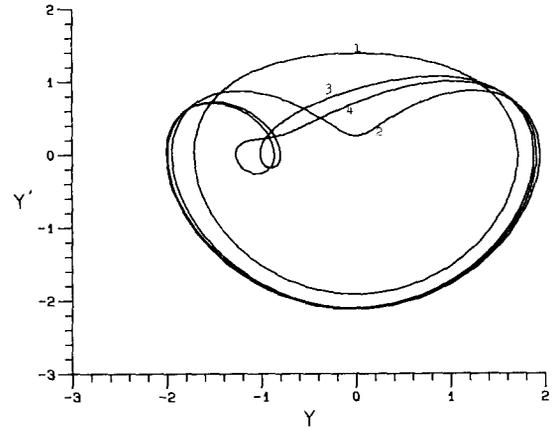


Fig. 3. Periodic solutions at  $c = 0.85$ : 1-odd solution (right branch of the  $\omega$ - $c$  curve), 2-odd solution (left branch), 3-nonsymmetric solution (right branch), 4-nonsymmetric solution (left branch).

$c = 0.8$ . Observe that the  $P_5'P_7'$  curve on fig. 1 crosses the level  $c = 0.8$  only once. Hence there is only one non-odd period solution and its reflection, and as a result the trajectory is more trivial. The odd period solution #1 is replaced here by #2. On fig. 6b an odd asymptotic solution (for  $x \geq 0$ ) is displayed. This solution is almost undistinguishable from the one on fig. 6a (their initial slopes differ by  $3 \times 10^{-14}$ !) until it starts to spiral around the critical point. As we already mentioned, in the hyperbolic domains there is a Cantor type set of slopes corresponding to odd oscillating bounded solutions. These bounded solutions follow different combinations of the few periodic orbits. In order to understand which combinations are possible one should study the Poincaré map  $\mathcal{P}$  acting in the plane  $y'' = 0$ . The periodic orbits correspond to the fixed points of  $\mathcal{P}$ . In the hyperbolic case, there are one dimensional stable and unstable manifolds originating at these points. Apparently these manifolds intersect at heteroclinic or homoclinic points. In the last case it is well known (e.g. see [15]) that there exists an invariant Cantor set in the plane  $y'' = 0$  so that  $\mathcal{P}$  acts on it as a Bernoulli shift.

We mentioned in the introduction that the branch  $P_4P_6'$  on fig. 1 actually continues beyond the point  $P_6'$  and terminates as  $\omega \rightarrow 0$  and  $c \rightarrow$

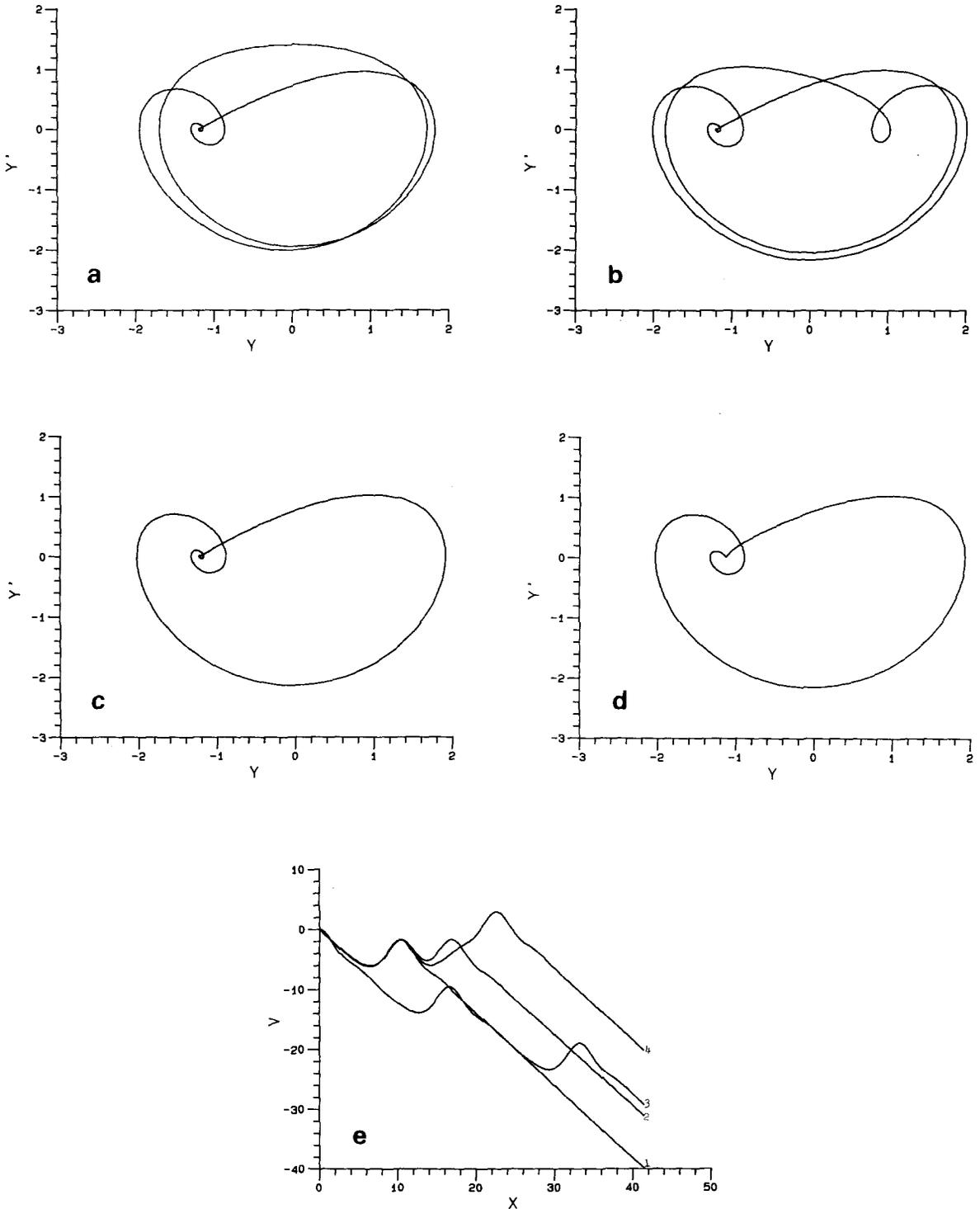


Fig. 4(a) Soliton for  $c = \inf C_s \approx 0.835$ . (b) Soliton for  $c \approx 0.848$ . (c) Soliton for  $c = \sup C_s \approx 0.86$ . (d) Non-symmetric periodic solution at the point  $P'_2$  ( $c \approx 0.866$ ). (e) The flame fronts 1, 2, 3, 4 correspond to figs. 4c, 4a, 4d, 4b.

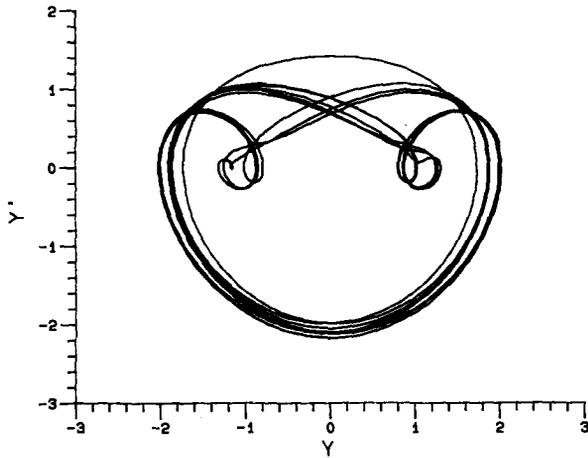


Fig. 5a. One odd "chaotic" solution for  $c = 0.85$  (only the part of trajectory for  $x \geq 0$  is shown).

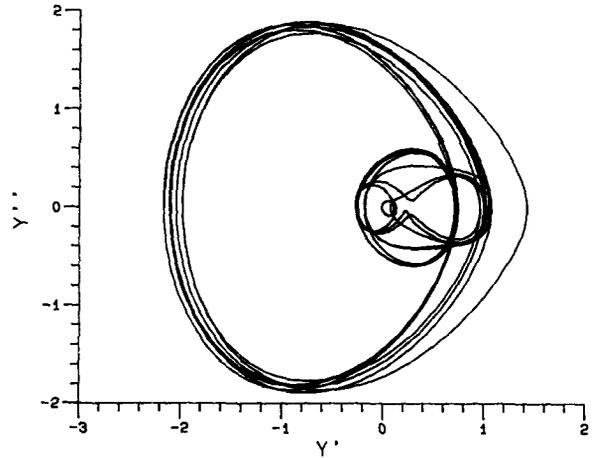


Fig. 5b. The same trajectory as in fig. 5a projected on the  $y'y''$  plane.

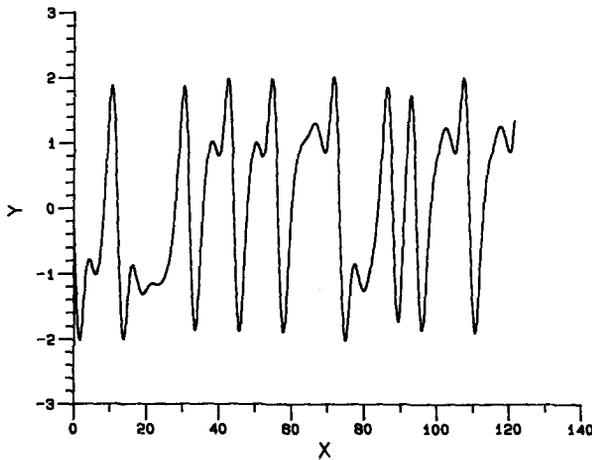


Fig. 5c. The same as in fig. 5a in the  $x, y$  plane.

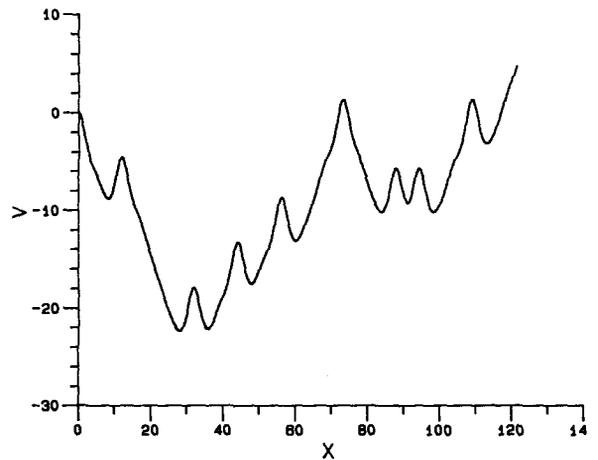


Fig. 5d. Flame front  $v(x)$  corresponding to fig. 5a.

$\approx 0.86$  at the "soliton" displayed on fig. 4c (the name "soliton" is used because  $y(x)$  tends to the same limit  $c\sqrt{2}$  as  $x \rightarrow \pm \infty$ ). Note that the eigenvalues  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  of the Jacobian  $d\mathcal{P}$  at the periodic orbit tend at the same time to  $\infty$  and 0. Because of it we could not reach beyond the point  $P'_5$ . One should mention here an important work of Tzvelodub [8] which only recently came to our attention. Using an entirely different method he obtained the periodic solution for the portions  $P_0Q$  and  $P_4P'_5$  of fig. 1 (i.e. without the  $QP_7$  part) and followed the  $P_4P'_5$  branch until  $\omega = 0.06$ . He also

found the soliton on fig. 4c. It turns out that this is not the only soliton-like solution. There are in effect two countable sets of values  $c' \in C'_s \subset [0.835, 0.86]$  and  $c \in C_s \subset [0.48, 0.50]$  for which solitons exist! The curve in fig. 4a corresponds to  $c = \inf C_s \approx 0.835$ , the one of fig. 4b to  $c \approx 0.84$  and on fig. 4c to  $c = \sup C_s \approx 0.86$ . The respective oblique flame fronts are shown on fig. 4e. On fig. 4e the two solitons for  $c = \inf C'_s \approx 0.4845$  and  $c = \sup C'_s \approx 0.49227$  are displayed. Of course a reflection with respect to the  $y = 0$  axis produces another soliton which tends to the right critical point. L

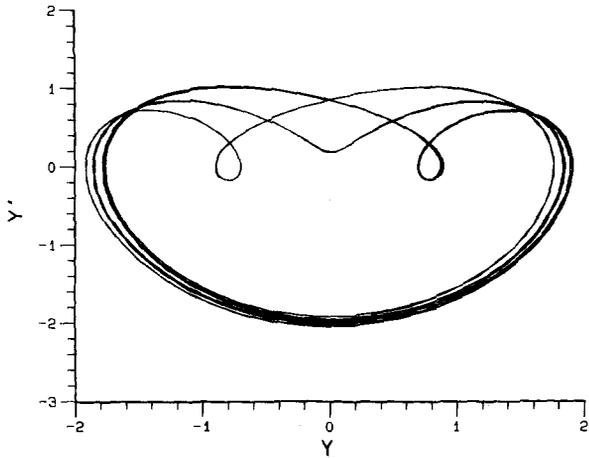


Fig. 6a. One oscillating solution for  $c = 0.8$ .

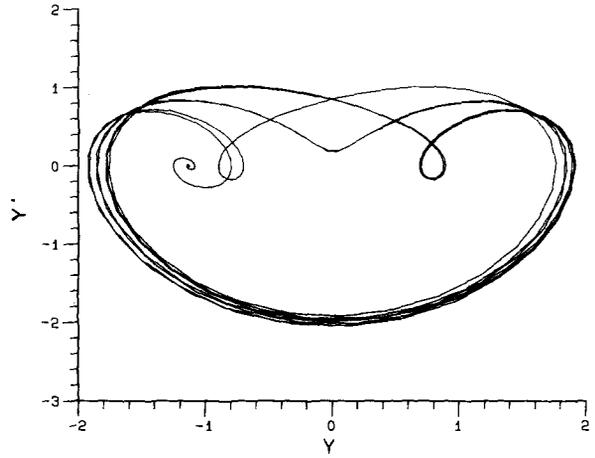


Fig. 6b. An odd asymptotic solution (the half corresponding to  $x \geq 0$ ) for  $c = 0.8$ .

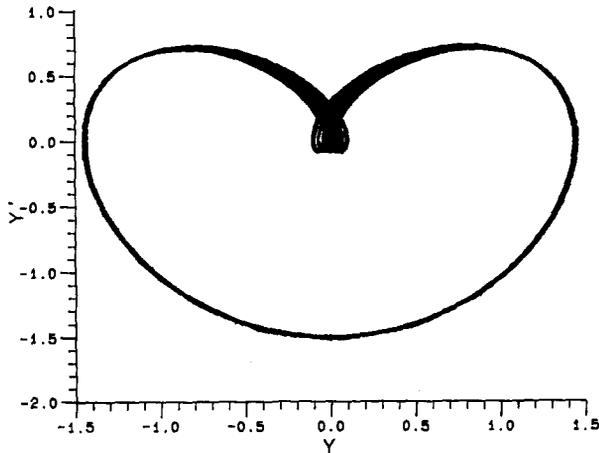


Fig. 7a.  $c = 0.59$ ; Torroidal solution in the elliptic region  $P_4P_5$ .

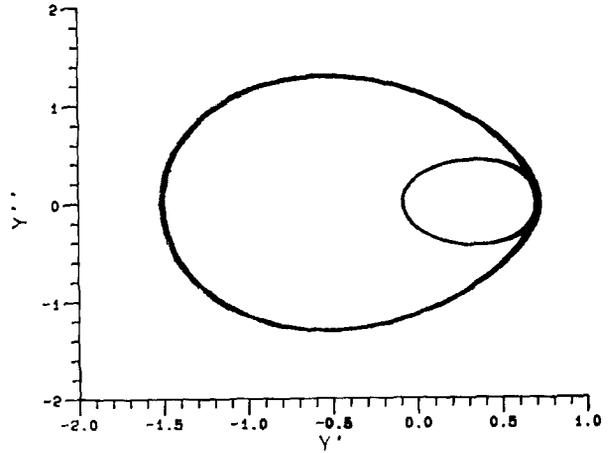


Fig. 7b. The same as in fig. 7a but in the  $y'y''$  plane.

us explain in detail how these solitons are found. Each soliton which leaves the left critical point, leaves it by the one-dimensional unstable manifold. Locally this manifold is given by a converging power series. Using this series for the difference scheme (4.1) we compute a triple  $(y_j, y_{j+1}, y_{j+2})$  of points on the unstable manifold and then continue with the scheme (4.1). Let  $x_{\max}(c)$  be the first point  $x$  where  $|y(x)| \geq y_{\max}$ . As with the odd solutions we are looking for local maxima of the function  $x_{\max}(c)$ . It turned out again that these maxima are infinite, i.e. corre-

spond to bounded solutions. Apparently, the respective set of values of  $c$  is a Cantor set  $K_s$ , while  $C_s$  consists of the boundary points of the “holes” of  $K_s$  i.e.  $C_s$  is the boundary of the complement of  $K_s$ . For  $c \in K_s \setminus C_s$  the one dimensional unstable manifold wanders in the space around the basic patterns as on figs. 4a–c or fig. 8 and never reaches back the critical point.

In the elliptic domains  $P_4P_5$  and  $P_6P_7$  the left branch periodic solution is surrounded by invariant tori. Two such tori are shown on fig. 7a, b and fig. 9a, b. As we pass through the point

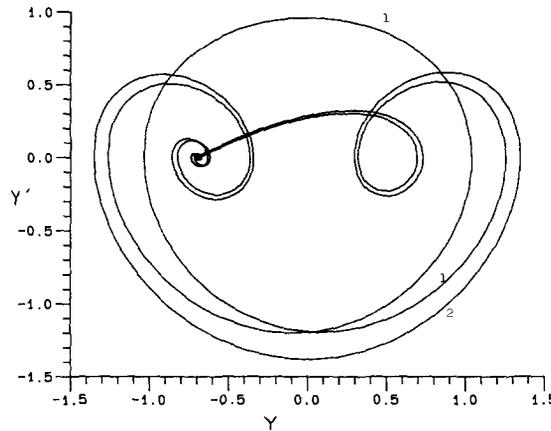


Fig. 8. Two solitons: 1) for  $c = \inf C'_s \approx 0.4845$ ; 2) for  $c = \sup C'_s \approx 0.4982$ .

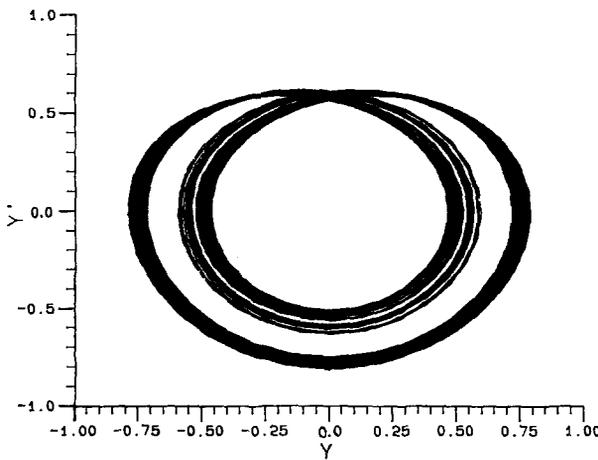


Fig. 9a.  $c = 0.33$ ; Torroidal solution in the elliptic region  $P_6P_7$ .

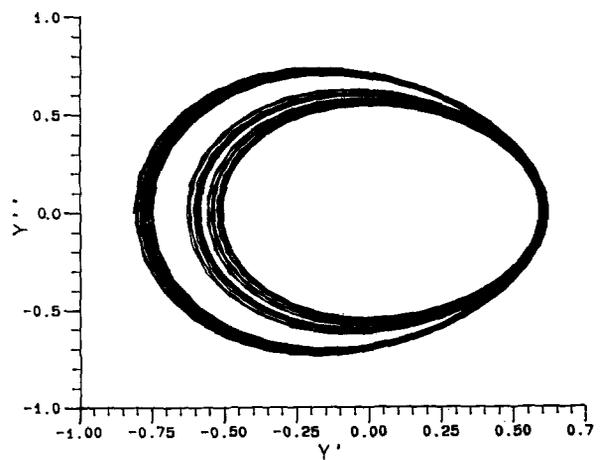


Fig. 9b. The same as in fig. 9a.

$P_7 = P_1$  the maximal torus becomes more and more thick so that for small  $c$  it looks as an egg with a narrow hole running from one critical point to another (see fig. 13a, b). One can easily prove that the diameter of the set of bounded solutions tends to zero as  $c \rightarrow 0$  so that at  $c = 0$  the only bounded solution is  $y \equiv 0$ . An interesting phenomena is displayed on figs. 12a–d. For the same  $c = 0.15$  the solution on fig. 12c, d covers densely a torus while the one on fig. 12a, b concentrates in a spiral. It is known [16] that in a vicinity of a fixed elliptic point a measure-preserving map  $P$  in a generic situation has homoclinic points which cor-

respond to hyperbolic periodic points of the map. The center of the spiral on fig. 12a, b is apparently such a periodic solution while the spiral has seemingly a Cantor type cross-section caused by presence of a homoclinic point.

At last we should mention the work of Rossle [10]. In particular, Rossle computed some trajectories of the system

$$\dot{x} = -y - z, \quad \dot{y} = x, \quad \dot{z} = a(y - y^2) - bz.$$

For  $b = 0$  this system is equivalent to (1.5) with  $c = a/\sqrt{2}$ . On fig. 9. in [10] two trajectories of th

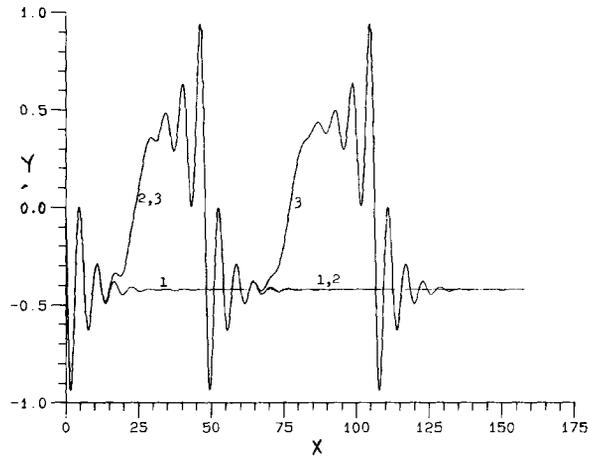


Fig. 10a.  $c = 0.3$ ; Three odd asymptotic solutions: 1)  $y^{(0)}$ ; 2)  $y^{(-2)}$ ; 3)  $y^{(-4)}$ .

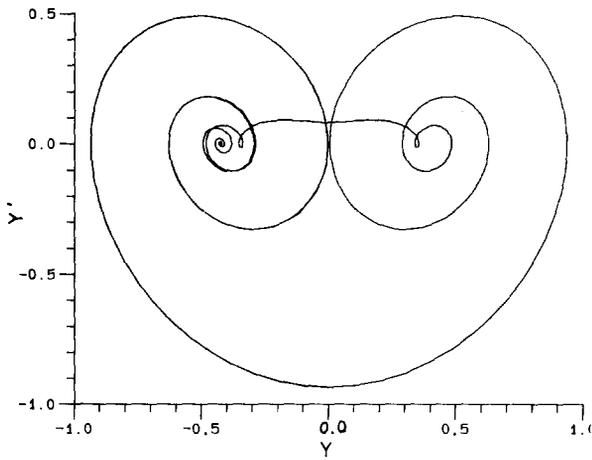


Fig. 10b. Solution  $y^{(-2)}$  in the  $yy'$  plane.

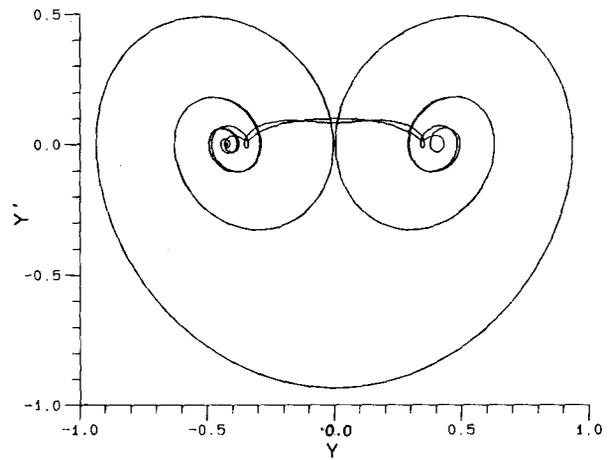


Fig. 10c. Solution  $y^{(-4)}$  in the  $yy'$  plane.

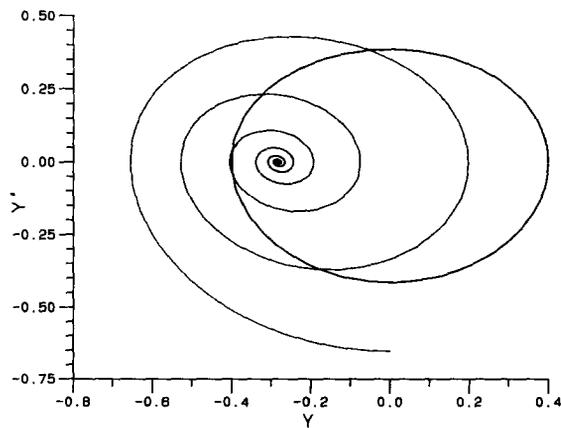


Fig. 11.  $c = 0.2$ ; Asymptotic solution  $y^{(0)}$  and a periodic solution.

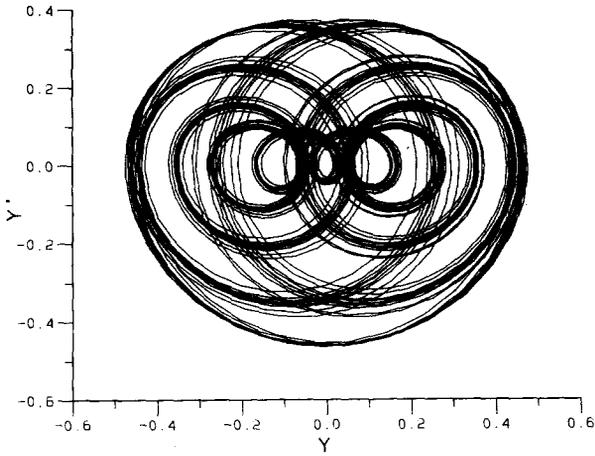


Fig. 12a.  $c = 0.15$ ; A single odd toroidal solution with a slope  $y'(0) = -0.464$ .

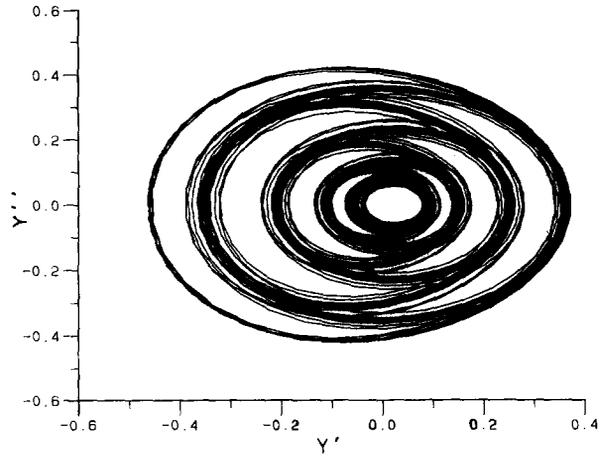


Fig. 12b. The same as in fig. 12a but in the  $y'y''$  plane.

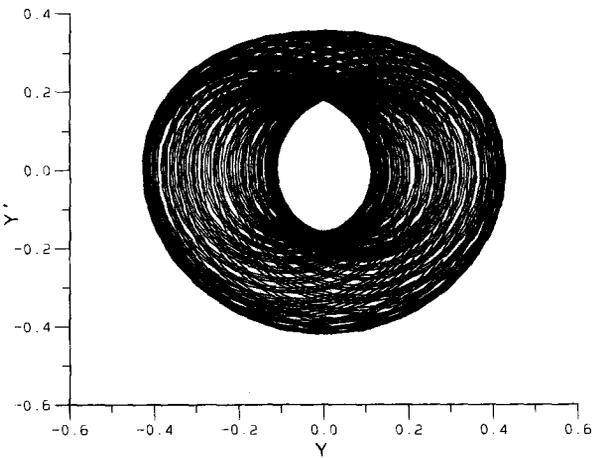


Fig. 12c.  $c = 0.15$ ; analogous to fig. 12a but with a slope  $y'(0) = -0.42$ .

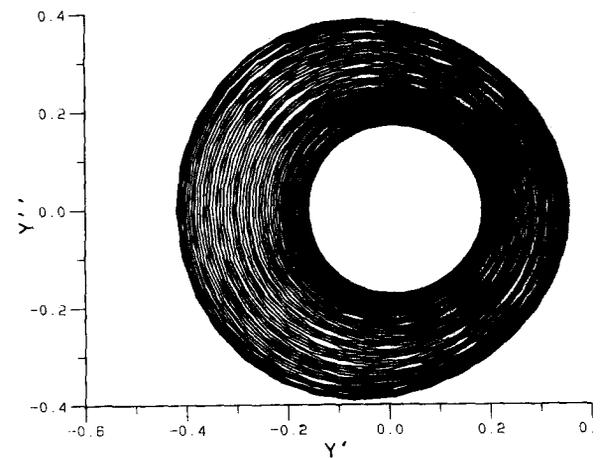


Fig. 12d. The same as in 12c projected on the  $y'y''$  plane.

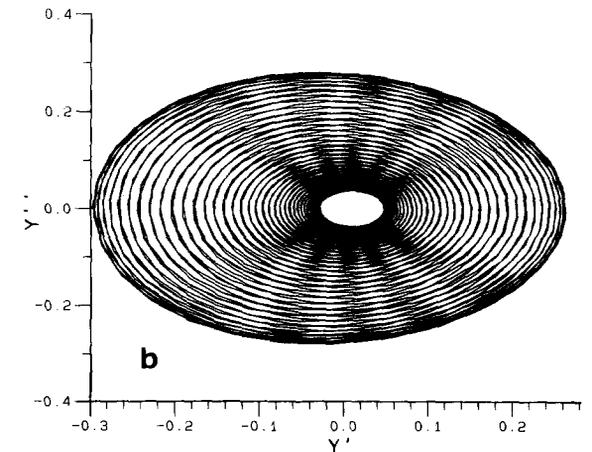
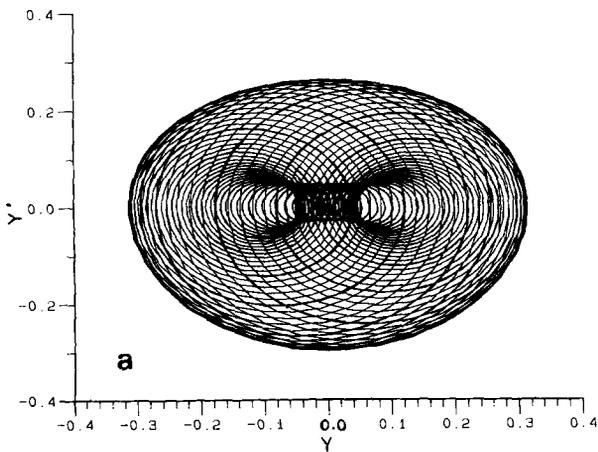


Fig. 13a, b.  $c = 0.1$ ; One toroidal solution.

system are displayed. In the first one  $c \approx 0.1414$  and the trajectory lies on a torus. In the second one  $c = 0.2828$  and the trajectory after several spirals escapes to infinity. Rossler observes that the invariant tori disappear at  $a \approx 0.454$  i.e.  $c \approx 0.321$ . This indeed agrees with our results.

**5. Conclusion**

Our analytical and numerical study has shown that the set of steady solutions of the Kuramoto–Sivashinsky equation is surprisingly complex. There are conic solutions which correspond to the Bunsen flames, oblique solitons and waves as well as horizontal periodic, quasi-periodic and chaotic solutions corresponding to a disturbed plane flames. For a high propagation velocity only a single conical solution exists, while for a lower one all the above types of solutions do appear. Our numerical study was devoted mainly to the odd solutions. Certainly, more computations are in place in order to understand the structure of the set of all steady solutions and its dependence on the propagation velocity  $c^2$ . However, a more important problem is the connection between the time dependent solutions of (1.1) or (1.6) and the above steady solutions. It was thought previously that the turbulence in the Kuramoto–Sivashinsky equation is primarily of a non-stationary origin and is caused by a competition of a few spatial nodes. In view of the above results it is plausible that the set of steady solutions is an attractor for the time dependent problem. Note that for the (experimental) propagation velocity  $c_0^2 \approx 1.2$  of a turbulent flame, both periodic orbits of (1.5) are hyperbolic and there is plenty of spatial chaos in the set of bounded solutions of (1.5). Thus the turbulence in (1.1) may be attributed to the above “steady” chaos. For large  $c$  numerical computations suggest that solutions of (1.6) (with proper boundary conditions) tend to the unique conic solution of (1.4). Since the conic solutions are isolated also for small  $c$ , it would be interesting to check whether they are locally stable.

**Appendix**

Here we compute the Poincaré map  $\mathcal{P}(\delta z, \delta z'; \epsilon)$  in (3.40) up to order  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$  and the Birkhoff normal form in (3.45).

First we solve the equation

$$z''' + \lambda(\epsilon)z' = \epsilon(1 - z^2/2), \quad \lambda(\epsilon) = 1 = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) \tag{7.1}$$

in a neighborhood of the periodic solution

$$z_{\text{per}} = -2 \sin \xi - \frac{\epsilon}{6} \sin 2\xi + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2).$$

Expand  $z$  as  $z = z_{\text{per}} + z_0 + \epsilon z_1 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} z_0''' + z_0' &= 0, \quad z_0 = a_1 + a_2 \sin \xi + a_3 \cos \xi \\ z_1''' + z_1' &= 2 \sin \xi \cdot z_0 - z_0^2/2. \end{aligned} \tag{7.2}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 = & -a_1 \xi \sin \xi + a_2 \left( \xi + \frac{1}{6} \sin 2\xi \right) + \frac{a_3}{6} \cos 2\xi \\ & - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \left( a_1^2 + \frac{a_2^2 + a_3^2}{2} \right) \xi \right. \\ & \quad \left. - a_1 a_2 \xi \sin \xi - a_1 a_3 \xi \cos \xi \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{(a_3^2 - a_2^2)}{12} \cos 2\xi - \frac{a_2 a_3}{12} \sin 2\xi \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{7.3}$$

For the Poincaré map we should impose

$$z''(0) = 0 \tag{7.4}$$

and

$$z''(\xi_0) = 0, \quad \text{where } \xi_0 = 2\pi + \Delta\xi. \tag{7.5}$$

Then  $\mathcal{P}$  maps  $(z(0), z'(0))$  into  $(z(\xi_0), z'(\xi_0))$ . By (7.4).

$$a_3 = \epsilon \left( -2a_1 + a_1 a_2 - \frac{a_2^2}{6} \right) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2). \tag{7.6}$$

while by (7.5) and (7.4)

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \xi &\approx -z''(2\pi)/z'''(2\pi) \\ &= \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2)/(2 - a_2 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)) = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2). \end{aligned} \quad (7.7)$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} z(\xi_0) - z(0) &= z(2\pi) - z(0) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2) \\ &= 2\pi\varepsilon(a_2 - a_1^2/2 - a_2^2/4) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$z'(\xi_0) - z'(0) = 2\pi\varepsilon(-a_1 + a_1 a_2/2) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2).$$

Since  $a_1 = z(0) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$ ,  $a_2 = z'(0) - z'_{\text{per}}(0) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$ , the map  $\mathcal{P}$  is given by the formula

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}(\delta z, \delta z'; \varepsilon) &= (\delta z, \delta z') \\ &+ 2\pi\varepsilon(\delta z' - (\delta z)^2/2 - (\delta z')^2/4; \\ &- \delta z + \delta z \cdot \delta z'/2) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2). \end{aligned} \quad (7.8)$$

where  $\delta z = z$ ,  $\delta z' = z' - z'_{\text{per}}(0)$ . The differential  $d\mathcal{P}(\varepsilon)$  has two conjugate eigenvalues

$$\lambda = e^{i\alpha_0(\varepsilon)}, \quad \mu = \bar{\lambda}, \quad \alpha_0(\varepsilon) = 2\pi\varepsilon + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2).$$

A linear transformation

$$w = \delta z' + i\delta z + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon), \quad \bar{w} = \delta z' - i\delta z + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon) \quad (7.9)$$

brings  $d\mathcal{P}(\varepsilon)$  to the diagonal form, while  $\mathcal{P}$  becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}(w, \bar{w}, \varepsilon) &= (w_1, \bar{w}_1), \\ w_1 &= \lambda w + \frac{i\pi\varepsilon}{8}(-w^2 + 3\bar{w}^2 - 6w\bar{w}) + \varepsilon^2\mathcal{O}(|w|^2). \end{aligned} \quad (7.10)$$

The quadratic transformation

$$w = u + \frac{1}{16}(-u^2 + 6u\bar{u} - \bar{u}^2) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon) \quad (7.11)$$

brings  $\mathcal{P}$  to the Birkhoff normal form

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= \lambda u e^{i\alpha_1(\varepsilon)u\bar{u}} + \varepsilon^2\mathcal{O}(|u|^3), \\ \alpha_1(\varepsilon) &= -\frac{3\pi}{6}\varepsilon + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^2). \end{aligned} \quad (7.12)$$

With a cubic correction to  $u$  of order  $\varepsilon$  one can reduce the remainder in (7.12) to  $\varepsilon^2\mathcal{O}(|u|^4)$ .

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