

PRESERVATION OF HOPF BIFURCATION UNDER THE EULER DISCRETIZATION OF DELAY DIFFERENTIAL SYSTEMS¹

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Abstract. In this paper, we consider the preservation of Hopf bifurcation under the Euler discretization of delay differential systems. We prove that there will be a Neimark-Sacker bifurcation, i.e., Hopf bifurcation for maps, occurs in the discretization at parameter value $\alpha(h) = \alpha^* + O(h)$ by the implicit function theorem under assumptions that the delay differential system undergoes a Hopf bifurcation at parameter value α^* and the stepsize h is sufficiently small.

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1 Introduction

In the numerical methods for delay differential systems, the works which discuss on the convergence and stability of numerical schemes appeared more and more commonly. And the introduction of all kinds of conceptions on stability, such as P-stability, GP-stability, D-stability etc. have deeply infected the researches on the numerical methods for delay differential systems. The works above mainly discuss whether the approximate solutions defined by the numerical schemes have similar stability properties or not when the solutions of continuous system have certain stability properties, and the problem of convergence. In other words, the numerical integrable methods for definite systems are discussed. However, the objects of study on bifurcation theory in dynamical systems are the bifurcation properties and the structures of the solutions of indefinite systems. Therefore, in the viewpoint of dynamical behavior, we need to investigate whether the discrete schemes preserve the bifurcation properties of the original dynamical systems or not, i.e., the research on the preservation of bifurcation behavior under the discretization of original systems, which is a brand-new research field of the numerical

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