

Fig. 1. (a) The situation after the regular period-doubling bifurcation ($z_1 = Tz_0$, $z_0 = Tz_1$). (b) The configuration around Q when the anomalous period-doubling bifurcation happens. Here, ν represents the rotation number.

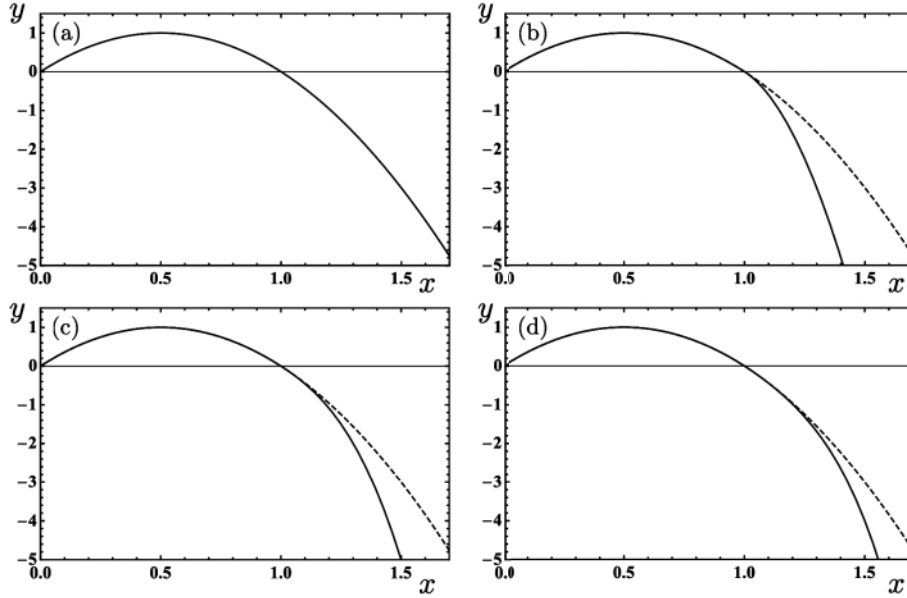


Fig. 2. (a) Analytic function ($b = 0$). (b) C^1 -class function ($m = 2, b = 16$). (c) C^2 -class function ($m = 3, b = 16$). (d) C^3 -class function ($m = 4, b = 16$). The dotted line in the region $x > 1$ represents $y = a(x - x^2)$. $a = a_c^{\text{pd}} = 4$.

2. Preliminaries

2.1 Properties of the mapping function

The properties of the mapping function $f(x)$ are summarized. The function $f(x)$ with $b = 0$ is analytic and $f(x)$ with $b > 0$ is of C^{m-1} -class.

For example, consider $f(x)$ with $m = 2$ and $b > 0$. We have $f'_l(1) = -a = f'_r(1)$ and $f''_l(1) = -2a \neq f''_r(1) = -2a - 2b$. Thus, $f(x)$ with $m = 2$ is of C^1 -class.

Several mapping functions are depicted in Fig. 2. Fig. 2(a) represents the analytic function. The mapping functions with $m = 2, 3$, and 4 are displayed in Figs. 2(b)–(d). The dotted line in the region $x \geq 1$ is $y = a(x - x^2)$. Here, we increase the value of m at the fixed value of $b > 0$ and observe that the mapping functions accumulate at the analytic one.

2.2 Critical value of the period-doubling bifurcation

The first derivative of $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 1$. Thus, we can use it for the linear stability analysis. The linearized matrix M_Q at $Q = (1, 0)$ is obtained as

$$M_Q = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -a \\ 1 & 1 - a \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3)$$

The determinant of M_Q is 1. This means that the map is area and orientation preserving. The eigenvalues are determined by the following characteristic equation.

$$\lambda^2 - (2 - a)\lambda + 1 = 0. \quad (4)$$

We have the discriminant $D = a^2 - 4a$. The fixed point Q is a stable elliptic point at $0 < a < 4$ and is a saddle point with reflection at $a > 4$. Thus, $a = 4$ is the critical value a_c^{pd} at which the period-doubling bifurcation of Q happens.