Singularities in Foliations (Distributions) Defined by Normal Curvature Properties

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The Fiftieth Aniversary of Peixoto's Structurally Stability Theorem for Generic Vector Fields on 2 - Manifolds. I will focus on results that evolved from my collaboration with Carlos Gutiérrez (1944 - 2008), which began to be published in 1982, Asterisque, dealing with the Structurally Stable Principal Curvature Configurations on Surfaces in \mathbb{R}^3 , under small perturbations of their immersions.

This is our link with Peixoto's Theorem for Structurally Stable Vector Fields on Surfaces, historical landmark in the Geometric Theory of Differential Equations and Dynamical Systems. Topology 1962.

The Principal Configuration on an Immersed Surface is the counterpart of the Phase Portrait of an ODE, thought for the case of the two families of principal curvature lines – maximal and minimal – on a surface in \mathbb{R}^3 .

This presentation connects our subject with the works on Principal Curvature Configurations of remarkable mathematicians of a more distant past,

such as:

Monge, after Euler

Dupin, Theory I.

and

Darboux, Theory II, after Poincaré.

Here would come Peixoto's Contribution, after Andronov - Pontrjagin ····

Pictorial Outline: Euler, Normal Curvature and Principal Directions.



Figure: Principal Directions and Curvatures.

Pictorial Outline: Monge, 1796. First Prin. Config.



Figure: Monge's Ellipsoid: First Principal Config. Illustration from E. Ghys site.

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Pictorial Outline: Dupin. First Qualitative Theory for Prin. Configs, 1818.



Figure: Dupin's Theorem. Integrable Principal Configurations.

Pictorial Outline: G. Darboux. A Generic Theory for Princ. Configs. near Umbilic Points, 1896.



Figure: Darbouxian Umbilic Points for C^{ω} , after Poincaré's ODEs, 1881, and Soto-Gutierrez for C^4 , 1982. Definition in a Monge chart below.

After Poincaré. Singularities and MORE...







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A local Monge chart near an umbilic point is given by $\alpha(u, v) = (u, v, h(u, v))$, where

$$h(u,v) = \frac{k}{2}(u^{2}+v^{2}) + \frac{a}{6}u^{3} + \frac{b}{2}uv^{2} + \frac{c}{6}v^{3} + \frac{A}{24}u^{4} + \frac{B}{6}u^{3}v + \frac{C}{4}u^{2}v^{2} + \frac{D}{6}uv^{3} + \frac{E}{24}v^{4} + \frac{a_{50}}{120}u^{5} + \frac{a_{41}}{24}u^{4}v + \frac{a_{32}}{12}u^{3}v^{2} + \frac{a_{23}}{12}u^{2}v^{3} + \frac{a_{14}}{24}uv^{4} + \frac{a_{05}}{120}v^{5} + O(6).$$
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Question: How to relate these coefficients with the previous pictures?

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 n = 3: For later consideration, essential for today's lecture. More complicated system of IMPLICIT DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS.

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Umbilics of Codimension 1: Bifurcate Generically, one parameter.



Garcia, Gutiérrez, Sotomayor; A. Gullstrand, Ophtalmologist Nobel Laureate, 1904.

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Partially Umbilic Points

The local configuration near umbilics can be explained in terms of the phase portraits of the singularities, hyperbolic saddles and nodes in the present Darbouxian case, of the Lie-Cartan vector field suspension, $X_{\mathcal{F}}$, of the implicit differential equation $\mathcal{F}(u, v, p) = 0$, where,

$$\mathcal{F}(u, v, p) = Lp^2 + Mp + N = 0, \ p = \frac{dv}{du}$$

$$X_{\mathcal{F}} = (\mathcal{F}_p, p\mathcal{F}_p, -(\mathcal{F}_u + p\mathcal{F}_v))$$
(3)

Similar for affine chart q = 1/p to capture behavior at $p = \infty$.

The integral curves to $X_{\mathcal{F}}$ are tangent to $\mathcal{F}(u, v, p) = 0$ and project onto principal curvature lines.

Darbouxian Umbilic points RESOLVED in terms of resolution of hyperbolic singularities of vector fields



Figure: Artistic Illustration of surfaces over configurations D_1 and D_2 . Case D_3 more exact drawing. Attention: gluing at ∞ .

Umbilic point D_{12}^1 bifurcation (emergence of nodal sector), RESOLVED in terms of hyperbolic and saddle-node singularities of vector fields.











Umbilic point D_{23} RESOLVED in terms of semi-hyperbolic singularities of vector fields defined on a VARIETY with two Morse Critical Points.



Bifurcation: Elimination - Splitting of umbilic points D_2 and D_3 at D_{23}



Figure: Bifurcation: Elimination - Splitting of a pair of D_2 of D_3 from a D_{23} .

Umbilics of Codimension 2*: classification depends on the 5-jet of h*

. PICTORIAL OUTLINE





Pictures. Analysis after Lie - Cartan in [Garcia, Sotomayor], discussion below.

Bifurcation diagrams of umbilics of codimension two, [*Ga*,*So*]







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- CONSIDER: Surfaces and Hypersurfaces in \mathbb{R}^4 .
- Follow today the second path: links for references in my webpage:
- http://www.ime.usp.br/~sotp/
- Survey, 2008, São Paulo Journ. Math. Also in the arXiv.
- Book, 2009, Brazilian Math. Colloquium.

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The plane field Π is in general not integrable (Frobenious) and so the situation is strictly three-dimensional.

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$$L_r = F_r g_r - f_r G_r, \quad M_r = E_r g_r - e_r G_r, \quad N_r = E_r f_r - e_r F_r$$

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where,

$$c'(0) = \left[rac{(-cq_{111}+q_{021}b-q_{201}b)}{b(-b+a)}, -rac{q_{111}}{b}, 1
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Resolution of Partially umbilic points.



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Figure: D_1 , D_2 , D_3

Resolution of Partially umbilic points in terms of normally hyperbolic manifolds.



Principal Configurations near a curve of Darbouxian Partially Umbilic Points, [Ga]



Curve of Darbouxian Partially Umbilic Points.



Generic Transitions of Darbouxian Partially Umbilic Points along a regular partially umbilic curve, [Garcia], 1989.



Darboux for hypersurfaces of \mathbb{R}^4 . Proofs, 2012, with Lie - Cartan methods. REMARK on Regularity and Criticality: $L_r(u_1, u_2, u_3) = 0$, $M_r(u_1, u_2, u_3) = 0$.

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$$D(u_3) = \chi_2 u_3 + O(2),$$



Figure: Equilibrium Curves



Figure: Lie - Cartan Resolution of D_{12}

Partially Umbilic Points of codimension 1: D_1^1 , D_2^1 , D_3^1 , D_{13}^1 , $D_{1h,p}^1$, $D_{1h,n}^1$, D_p^1 , D_c^1 . There are Eight Generic Types, studied in the Thesis of da Silva, in preparation.

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- G. Monge (1796), definition of principal lines motivated by applications in the transport problem.
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- G. Darboux (1896), description of lines of curvature near generic umbilics on analytic surfaces
- C. Caratheodory (~ 1920), question about the minimal number of umbilics on compact and convex surfaces (still an open problem?).
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