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This paper studies the bifurcation of solutions of nonlinear eigenvalue problems of the form  $Lu = \lambda u + H(\lambda, u)$ , where L is linear and H is o(||u||) uniformly on bounded  $\lambda$ intervals. This paper shows that isolated eigenvalues of L having odd multiplicity are bifurcation points if H merely has a "degree" of compactness, but is not necessarily compact (treated in [3], [5]). Moreover, a global alternative theorem follows.

Introduction. In this paper we study the bifurcation of solutions of nonlinear eigenvalue problems. The equations to be studied are of the form

$$Lu = \lambda u + H(u)$$

where all operators are defined in a real Banach space  $\mathscr{B}$ . L is assumed to be linear, bounded or unbounded; I, the identity map, and H, o(||u||) near u = 0. Clearly,  $(\lambda, 0)$  is a solution for each real  $\lambda$ , and these are called the trivial solutions of (0.1). Of more interest are the nontrivial solutions, pairs  $(\lambda, u)$  satisfying (0.1) with  $u \neq 0$ . In particular, one is interested in how solutions of (0.1) are related to solutions of the linear equation

$$Lu = \lambda u .$$

The study of this led to the following definition.

DEFINITION. A point  $(\lambda_0, 0)$  is a bifurcation point for (0.1) if every neighborhood of  $(\lambda_0, 0)$  in  $\mathbf{R} \times \mathscr{B}$  contains a nontrivial solution of (0.1).

Under quite general conditions, it is easy to show that in order for  $(\lambda_0, 0)$  to be a bifurcation point of (0.1), it is necessary that  $\lambda_0$ be in the spectrum of *L*. [8].

The first general existence theorem for bifurcation points was obtained by Krasnoseljskii [2]. He considered equations of the type

$$(0.3) u + \lambda L u + H(u)$$

where L is linear and compact, and H compact. He proved that if  $\lambda_0$  is a characteristic value of L having odd algebraic multiplicity,

then  $(\lambda_0, 0)$  is a bifurcation point.

More recently, Rabinowitz [6] studied the same problem as Krasnoseljkii and proved a much stronger result. The bifurcation from such points is a global property, with a continuous branch of solutions joining  $(\lambda_0, 0)$  to infinity in  $\mathbf{R} \times \mathscr{R}$ , or if the branch is bounded, containing  $(\lambda_1, 0)$  with  $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_0$ .

The author ([3] and [5]) eliminated the compactness assumption on L while maintaining the strength of the result. The main result of this paper is that the compactness assumption on H can be relaxed. The proofs of the theorems mentioned involve the use of degree theory.

1. Preliminaries. Let  $\mathscr{B}$  be a real Banach space and let  $\mathscr{C}$  denote  $R \times \mathscr{B}$  with the product topology. By a nonlinear eigenvalue problem we mean an equation of the form

$$Lu = \lambda u + H(u)$$

where  $L: \mathscr{B} \to \mathscr{B}$  is linear and  $H: \mathscr{B} \to \mathscr{B}$  is a nonlinear operator satisfying hypothesis H-1:

(H-1) (i) H is continuous, and bounded on each ball centered at 0. (ii) H is o(||u||) for u near 0.

A nontrivial solution of (1.1) is a pair  $(\lambda, u)$  with  $u \neq 0$  which satisfies (1.1), and the trivial solutions are the pairs  $(\lambda, 0)$ .

In what follows,  $L: \mathscr{B} \to \mathscr{B}$  will be a densely defined linear operator (bounded or unbounded) with domain dom (L). The resolvent set of L,  $\rho(L)$ , will be all real values of  $\lambda$  for which there exists a bounded linear operator  $C: \mathscr{B} \to \mathscr{B}$  such that

(1.2) 
$$C(L - \lambda)x = x, \quad x \in \text{dom}(L)$$
$$(L - \lambda)Cx = x, \quad x \in \text{range}(L - \lambda).$$

C will be denoted by  $(L - \lambda)^{-1}$ .

DEFINITION 1.1. The (algebraic) multiplicity of an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of L is defined to be the dimension of the subspace  $\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \ker (L-\lambda)^j$  where  $\ker (L-\lambda)^j$  denotes the nullspace of  $(L-\lambda)^j$ .  $\bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \ker (L-\lambda)^j$  will be referred to as the principal manifold of L associated with  $\lambda$ .

DEFINITION 1.2. An eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of L is defined to be normal if (i) the multiplicity of L is finite.

(ii)  $\mathscr{B}$  is the direct sum of subspaces  $\mathscr{L}_{\lambda} \bigoplus \mathscr{N}_{\lambda}$  where  $\mathscr{L}_{\lambda} = \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} \ker (L - \lambda)^{j}$ ,  $\mathscr{N}_{\lambda}$  is invariant under L, and  $(L - \lambda)$  is invertible on  $\mathscr{N}_{\lambda}$ .

The projection of  $\mathscr{B}$  onto  $\mathscr{L}_{\lambda}$  along  $\mathscr{N}_{\lambda}$  is denoted by  $P_{\lambda}$ .

Hence  $P_{\lambda}\mathscr{B} = \mathscr{L}_{\lambda}$  and  $(I - P_{\lambda})\mathscr{B} = \mathscr{N}_{\lambda}$ . Let  $Q_{\lambda} = I - P_{\lambda}$ .

An eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of L is isolated if there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $(\lambda - \varepsilon, \lambda + \varepsilon)$  contains no other members of sp L. The set of isolated normal eigenvalues of L is called the discrete spectrum of L which we denote by  $\operatorname{sp}_d(L)$ . The remaining part of the spectrum will be called nondiscrete and is denoted by  $\operatorname{sp}_{nd}(L)$ .

REMARK. If L is self-adjoint, the nondiscrete spectrum is the essential spectrum of L.

DEFINITION 1.3.  $(\lambda, 0)$  is a bifurcation point for (1.1) if every neighborhood in  $\mathscr{C}$  of  $(\lambda, 0)$  contains a nontrivial solution of (1.1).

DEFINITION 1.4. If  $\mathscr{V}$  is a subset of  $\mathscr{C}$ ,  $\mathscr{V}$ , and  $\mathscr{V}_{\mathbb{R}}$  are defined to be  $\mathscr{V}^{\lambda} = \{u \mid (\lambda, u) \in \mathscr{V}\}$  and  $\mathscr{V}_{\mathbb{R}} = \{\lambda \mid (\lambda, u) \in \mathscr{V} \text{ for some } u\}$ . For  $W \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathscr{R}$ , or  $\mathscr{C}$ ,  $\overline{W}$  denotes the closure of W in the respective space.

Some of the material that follows in this section was presented in [8], and is repeated here without proof.

DEFINITION. The set measure of compactness of a bounded set  $\Omega$ , expressed by  $\alpha(\Omega)$ , is defined to be the infimum of all  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\Omega$  can be covered by a finite number of balls having radius  $\delta$ .

Some useful results in this area include:

(i)  $\alpha(\Omega) = \alpha(\overline{\Omega})$  for all bounded sets  $\Omega$ .

(ii) If  $\Omega$  is bounded,  $\Omega$  is relatively compact if and only if  $\alpha(\Omega) = 0$ .

(iii)  $\alpha(\Omega_1 + \Omega_2) \leq \alpha(\Omega_1) + \alpha(\Omega_2).$ 

(iv) If  $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = 0$ , then  $\alpha(\{x_n\}_{n=1,2,...}) = 0$ .

DEFINITION. An operator  $T: B \to B$  is called a k-set contraction if it is continuous and  $\alpha(T(\Omega)) \leq k\alpha(\Omega)$  for all bounded sets  $\Omega$ . Let  $\gamma(T) = \inf \{k \mid T \text{ is a } k\text{-set contraction}\}$ . The following results concerning k-set contractions hold.

(i) T is compact if and only if T is a 0-set contraction.

(ii) If L is a bounded linear operator with operator norm ||L||, then L is a ||L||-set contraction. (This need not be true if L is nonlinear. (See § 4.))

(iii) If L is a bounded, linear, and self-adjoint operator,  $\gamma(L) = \rho_{*}(L)$  where  $\rho_{*}(L)$  is the radius of the essential spectrum of L. [8].

(iv) If F = GH with G linear,  $\gamma(F) \leq ||G||\gamma(H)$ . In general, for all G and H,  $\gamma(F) \leq \gamma(G)\gamma(H)$ .

A degree theory for nonlinear operators of the form I - T, where  $T: B \rightarrow B$  is a k-set contraction with k < 1, was developed by Nussbaum in his thesis. The results of Nussbaum's to be used are given below, together with a theorem of Stuart.

Let  $T: B \rightarrow B$  be a k-set contraction (k < 1). Then an integervalued function, denoted by deg, can be defined so as to have the following properties.

(1) deg  $(\Omega, I - T, 0)$  is well defined for each open, bounded subset  $\Omega \subset B$  such that T has no fixed points on the boundary  $\partial \Omega$ of  $\Omega$ .

(2) If deg  $(\Omega, I - T, 0) \neq 0$ , then there is a point  $x \in \Omega$  such that x = Tx.

(3) If  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  are open subsets of  $\Omega$ , itself a bounded, open subset of such that T has no fixed points in  $[\overline{\Omega} | (\Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2)] \cup (\overline{\Omega_1 \cap \Omega_2})$ , then deg  $(\Omega, I - T, 0) = \deg(\Omega_1, I - T, 0) + \deg(\Omega_2, I - T, 0)$ .

(4) If T is compact, then deg  $(\Omega, I - T, 0) = d(\Omega, I - T, 0)$ , where d denotes the Leray-Schauder degree, whenever the left-hand side is defined. [8].

The arguments of this paper will closely follow those of [5]. Thus, a notation of index is helpful. Define

index 
$$(T, x_0) = \deg(B, I - T, 0)$$

where B is an open ball in B centered at  $x_0$  with a radius small enough so that  $x_0$  is the only fixed point of T in  $\overline{B}$ .

In [5], critical use was made of a theorem in Leray-Schauder degree theory which has been extended to the Nussbaum degree theory by Toland and Stuart [8].

THEOREM. Let  $T: X \to X$  be a k-set contraction (k < 1) and let  $x_0$  be a fixed point of T. Suppose that T has Frechet derivative  $T'(x_0)$  at  $x_0$  and that unity is not an eigenvalue of  $T'(x_0)$ .

Then  $x_0$  is an isolated fixed point of T, and

ind 
$$(T, x_0) = (-1)^{\nu}$$
,

where  $\nu$  is the sum of the multiplicities of the eigenvalues greater than unity of  $T'(x_0)$ .

Proof. See [8].

2. Local bifurcation theorem. The first theorem shows that bifurcation from an isolated eigenvalue  $\lambda_0$  of L having odd multiplicity is not dependent upon H being compact, but rather on how "close" H is to being compact.

THEOREM 2.1. Let L be as above and let H satisfy H-1.  $\lambda_0$ 

is an isolated normal eigenvalue of L having odd multiplicity. Assume that for  $|\lambda - \lambda_0| < \varepsilon'$ ,  $||(L - \lambda)^{-1}Q_{\lambda_0}||\gamma(H) \leq K < 1$ . Then,  $(\lambda_0, 0)$  is a bifurcation point for (1.1).

*Proof.* In order to prove this theorem, (1.1) will be rewritten in the form  $u - C(\lambda, u) = 0$ . Split (1.1) by

(2.1) 
$$LP_{\lambda_0}u = \lambda P_{\lambda_0}u + P_{\lambda_0}H(\lambda, u) \\ LQ_{\lambda_0}u = \lambda Q_{\lambda_0}u + Q_{\lambda_0}H(\lambda, u) .$$

A solution of (1.1) is equivalent to a simulation solution of the two equations in (2.1). Select  $\mu_0 \in \rho(L)$ . Instead of (2.1) we may write

(2.2) 
$$P_{\lambda_0}u = \frac{(L-\mu_0)P_{\lambda_0}u}{\lambda-\mu_0} - \frac{P_{\lambda_0}H(\lambda, u)}{\lambda-_0\mu}$$
$$Q_{\lambda_0}u = (L-\lambda)^{-1}Q_{\lambda_0}H(\lambda, u)$$

where  $(L - \lambda)^{-1}$  is to be interpreted as  $(L - \lambda)^{-1} | \mathscr{N}_{\lambda_0}$ . Thus, (2.2) is valid for  $\lambda \in \{\lambda_0\} \cup \{\rho(L) \setminus \{\mu_0\}\}$ . Adding these equations we get

(2.3)  
$$u = C_1(\lambda, u) + C_2(\lambda, u)$$
$$C_1(\lambda, u) = \frac{(L - \mu_0)P_{\lambda_0}u}{\lambda - \mu_0}$$
$$C_2(\lambda, u) = \left((L - \lambda)^{-1}Q_{\lambda_0} - \frac{P_{\lambda_0}}{\lambda - \mu_0}\right)H$$

Note that  $C_1: \mathscr{C} \to \mathscr{B}$  is compact and linear in u for each fixed  $\lambda$  $C_2: \mathscr{C} \to \mathscr{B}$  satisfies H-1. Define

(2.4) 
$$\varPhi(\lambda, \cdot) = I - C_1(\lambda, \cdot) - C_2(\lambda, \cdot) .$$

Clearly, (2.3) or  $\Phi(\lambda, u) = 0$  is equivalent to (1.1) for the specified values of  $\lambda$  when L is bounded. If L is unbounded, the question arises as to wheter u is in dom (L) if ( $\lambda, u$ ) is a zero of  $\Phi$ . Noting (2.2), which is obtained from (2.3) by projecting onto  $\mathscr{L}_{\lambda_0}$ ,  $\mathscr{N}_{\lambda_0}$  respectively, we see that  $Q_{\lambda_0}u$  is in dom (L). Since  $P_{\lambda_0}u$  is in an eigenspace of L,  $u = P_{\lambda_0}u + Q_{\lambda_0}u$  is in dom (L).

If the assertion of the theorem is not true we can find a neighborhood  $\mathcal{O}$  of  $(\lambda_0, 0)$  such that the only solutions of (1.1) in  $\mathcal{O}$  are trivial solutions,  $\rho(L) \setminus \mathcal{O}_R \neq \mathcal{O}$ , and  $\mathcal{O}_R \cap \operatorname{sp} L = \{\lambda_0\}$ . Select  $\mu_0 \in \rho(L) \setminus \mathcal{O}_R$  such that (1.1) is equivalent to (2.3) for all  $\mathcal{O}_R$ . Select  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon'$ , that  $[-\varepsilon + \lambda_0, \lambda_0 + \varepsilon] \times \{0\} \subset \mathcal{O}$ . Applying the homotopy property of degree theory we obtain

$$(2.5) \qquad \quad \deg\left(\varPhi(\lambda,\,\cdot\,),\, \mathscr{O}^{\lambda},\,0\right)=\text{constant}, \quad |\lambda-\lambda_{\scriptscriptstyle 0}|<\varepsilon\;.$$

 $\textbf{Select}\ \underline{\lambda} \ \textbf{and}\ \overline{\lambda} \ \textbf{such that}\ \lambda_{\scriptscriptstyle 0} - \varepsilon < \underline{\lambda} < \lambda_{\scriptscriptstyle 0} < \overline{\lambda} < \lambda_{\scriptscriptstyle 0} + \varepsilon. \quad \textbf{Then}$ 

(2.6) 
$$\begin{array}{l} \deg\left(\varPhi(\lambda,\,\cdot),\,\mathscr{O}^{\underline{\lambda}},\,0\right) = \operatorname{index}\left(I - C_{1}(\underline{\lambda},\,\cdot),\,(\underline{\lambda},\,0)\right) \\ \deg\left(\varPhi(\overline{\lambda},\,\cdot),\,\mathscr{O}^{\overline{\lambda}},\,0\right) = \operatorname{index}\left(I - C_{1}(\overline{\lambda},\,\cdot),\,(\overline{\lambda},\,0)\right). \end{array}$$

Thus, using (2.5) and (2.6),

(2.7) 
$$index (I - C_1(\underline{\lambda}, \cdot), (\underline{\lambda}, 0)) \\ = index (I - C_1(\overline{\lambda}, \cdot), (\overline{\lambda}, 0)) .$$

However, since the multiplicity of  $\lambda_0$  is odd,

(2.8) 
$$index (I - C_1(\underline{\lambda}, \cdot), (\underline{\lambda}, 0)) \\ = -index (I - C_1(\overline{\lambda}, \cdot), (\overline{\lambda}, 0)).$$

Since the indices in (2.7) and (2.8) are either +1 or -1, we have a contradiction. Thus, such a neighborhood can never be found. This proves that  $(\lambda_0, 0)$  is a bifurcation point.

REMARK 1. If  $\lambda_0 \neq 0$  is an eigenvalue of L having odd multiplicity, then the hypotheses of Theorem 1 are satisfied if L is compact or if L is self-adjoint with  $\lambda_0$  isolated in sp L.

REMARK 2. The condition on  $\gamma((L-\lambda)^{-1}Q_{\lambda_0}H)$  can be relaxed. If one restricted the operators to a ball  $B_0$  centered at  $(\lambda_0, 0)$  and then extended them to all of  $R \times B_0$  in a linear manner, one could apply Theorem 1.1 if  $\gamma((L-\lambda)^{-1}Q_{\lambda_0}H|B_0) = K < 1$ , for  $|\lambda - \lambda_0| < \varepsilon'$ . This would handle the case that H is well behaved near u = 0 but grows too large for u far from 0.

- (H-2)  $H: \mathscr{C} \to \mathscr{B}$  satisfies:
  - (i) H is continuous, and bounded on each ball centered at 0.
  - (ii) H is o(||u||) uniformly on bounded  $\lambda$  intervals.

REMARK 3. The theorem remains true if H satisfies hypothesis H-2 rather than the more restricted H-1. The proof is very similar.

3. A global alternative theorem. In this section we will show that the local bifurcation exhibited in Theorem 2.1 is a global property with an alternative-type result.

For  $\mathscr{V} \subset \mathscr{C}$ , a subcontinuum of  $\mathscr{V}$  is a subset of  $\mathscr{V}$  which is closed and connected in  $\mathscr{C}$ .  $\mathscr{S}$  will denote the closure of the set of nontrivial solutions of (1.1) in  $\mathscr{C}$ . Let  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}$  denote the maximal subcontinuum of  $\mathscr{S} \cup (\lambda_0, 0)$  containing  $(\lambda_0, 0)$ .  $B_{\rho}$  will denote the open ball in  $\mathscr{B}$  centered at 0 and having radius  $\rho$ . L and H will be as in § 2.

LEMMA 3.1. Suppose  $\lambda_0$  and  $\lambda_1$  are distinct normal eigenvalues of L. Then  $\mathscr{B} = \mathscr{L}_{\lambda_0} \bigoplus \mathscr{L}_{\lambda_1} \bigoplus \mathscr{N}$ , a direct sum of subspaces, where  $\mathscr{N} = \mathscr{N}_{\lambda_0} \cap \mathscr{N}_{\lambda_1}$ , and  $P = P_{\lambda_0} + P_{\lambda_1}$  projects onto  $\mathscr{L}_{\lambda_0} \bigoplus \mathscr{L}_{\lambda_1}$  along  $\mathscr{N}$ . [5].

LEMMA 3.2. Let K be a compact metric space and A and B disjoint closed subsets of K. Then either there exists a subcontinuum of K meeting both A and B, or  $K = K_A \cup K_B$  where  $K_A$  and  $K_B$  are disjoint compact subsets of K containing A and B respectively.

Proof. See [9].

For  $\lambda_0$  as before, define

$$egin{aligned} lpha_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}(\lambda_{\scriptscriptstyle 0}) &= \sup\left\{\lambda \, | \, \lambda < \lambda_{\scriptscriptstyle 0}, \, \lambda \in \operatorname{sp}_{\mathit{nd}}\left(L
ight)
ight\} \ eta_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}(\lambda_{\scriptscriptstyle 0}) &= \inf\left\{\lambda \, | \, \lambda > \lambda_{\scriptscriptstyle 0}, \, \lambda \in \operatorname{sp}_{\mathit{nd}}\left(L
ight)
ight\}. \end{aligned}$$

These values will be  $\pm \infty$  respectively if the vacuous case results. For  $\varepsilon_j > 0$ , consider  $I(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) = [\alpha_1(\lambda_0) + \varepsilon_1, \beta_1(\lambda_0) - \varepsilon_2]$ . (Here assume both are finite.) Let  $P_{\varepsilon_1,\varepsilon_2} = \sum P_\lambda$  where the summation is over all eigenvalues of L in  $I(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2)$ , and let  $Q_{\varepsilon_1,\varepsilon_2} = I - P_{\varepsilon_1,\varepsilon_2}$ . Select  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$  and  $\varepsilon_2 > 0$  such that  $||(L - \lambda)^{-1}Q_{\varepsilon_1,\varepsilon_2}||\gamma(H) < 1$  on  $I(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2)$ . Let  $[\alpha(\lambda_0), \beta(\lambda_0)] = I(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2)$ . If  $\alpha_1(\lambda_0)$  or  $\beta_1(\lambda_0)$  are infinite, select  $\alpha(\lambda_0)$  or  $\beta(\lambda_0)$  to be any appropriate finite number.

LEMMA 3.3 Suppose  $\lambda_0$  is an isolated normal eigenvalue of L having finite multiplicity. Assume  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}$  is bounded,  $(\overline{\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}})_{\mathbb{R}} \cap \{\alpha(\lambda_0), \beta(\lambda_0)\} = \phi$ , and  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0} \cap \{\mathbb{R} \times \{0\}\} = (\lambda_0, 0)$ . Then  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}$  is compact and there exists a bounded open set  $\mathcal{O}$  such that  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0} \subset \mathcal{O}$ ,  $\partial \mathcal{O} \cap \mathcal{S} = \emptyset$ ,  $(\overline{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{R}}}) \cap \operatorname{sp}_{nd}(L) = \emptyset$ , the trivial solutions contained in  $\mathcal{O}$  are the points  $(\lambda, 0)$  where  $|\lambda - \lambda_0| < \varepsilon$  for some  $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_0 = \operatorname{dist}(\lambda_0, \operatorname{sp} L \setminus \{\lambda_0\})$ , and  $||(\lambda, u) - (\mu, 0)|| \geq 2\varepsilon_1$  for some positive  $\varepsilon_1$  whenever  $(\lambda, u) \in \partial \mathcal{O}$  and  $\mu \varepsilon$  sp L.

**Proof.**  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}$  is compact. Indeed, let  $\{(\lambda_n, u_n)\}_{n \in \mathscr{N}}$  be elements of  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}$ . Since  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}$  is bounded, we may find a  $\lambda$  and a subsequence  $\mathscr{N}_1$  such that  $\lim_{\substack{n \to \infty \\ n \in \mathscr{N}_1}} \lambda_n = \lambda$ . Let P be the projection for  $(\overline{\mathscr{C}}_{\lambda_0})_R$  and Q = I - P. Consider  $\{u_n\}_{n \in \mathscr{N}_1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(\{u_n\}_{n \in \mathscr{N}_1}) &= \alpha(\{C_1(\lambda_n, u_n) + C_2(\lambda_n, u_n)\}_{n \in \mathscr{N}_1}) \\ &\leq \alpha(\{C_1(\lambda_n, u_n)\}_{n \in \mathscr{N}_1} + \{C_2(\lambda_n, u_n)\}_{n \in \mathscr{N}_1}) \\ &\leq \alpha(\{C_2(\lambda_n, u_n)\}_{n \in \mathscr{N}_1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{similarly}) &\leq \alpha(\{(L-\lambda_n)^{-1}QH(u_n)\}_{n \in \mathscr{N}_1}) \\ &\leq \alpha(\{(L-\lambda)^{-1}QH(u_n)\}_{n \in \mathscr{N}_1}) \\ &+ \alpha(\{((L-\lambda_n)^{-1} - (L-\lambda)^{-1})QH(u_n)\}_{n \in \mathscr{N}_1}) \\ &= \alpha(\{(L-\lambda)^{-1}QH(u_n)\}_{n \in \mathscr{N}_1}) \\ &\leq ||(L-\lambda)^{-1}Q||\alpha(\{H(u_n)\}_{n \in \mathscr{N}_1}) \\ &\leq ||(L-\lambda)^{-1}Q||\gamma(H)\alpha(\{u_n\}_{n \in \mathscr{N}_1}) \\ &\leq \alpha(\{u_n\}_{n \in \mathscr{N}_1}) \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\alpha(\{u_n\}_{n \in \mathcal{N}_1}) = 0$  meaning the set is compact, meaning it has a convergent subsequence. Thus,  $C_{\lambda_0}$  is compact.

The remainder of the proof follows from [5] and [8] using Lemma 3.1.

The following theorem is modeled after one in [5] given for the case when H is compact.

THEOREM 3.1. Suppose  $\lambda_0$  is an isolated eigenvalue of L of odd multiplicity. L is as before and H satisfies H-1. Furthermore, let  $||(L-\lambda_0)^{-1}Q_{\lambda_0}||\gamma(H) < 1$ . Then  $(\lambda_0, 0)$  is a bifurcation point of (1.1) possessing a maximal continuous branch  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}$  such that exactly one of the following alternatives occurs.

(i)  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}$  is unbounded.

(ii)  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}$  is bounded and  $(\overline{\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}})_{\mathbb{R}} \cap \{\alpha(\lambda_0), \beta(\lambda_0)\} \neq 0.$ 

(iii)  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}$  is compact,  $(\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0})_R \cap \{\alpha(\lambda_0), \beta(\lambda_0)\} = \emptyset$  and  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0} \cap \{R \times \{0\}\} = \{\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\} \times \{0\}$  where  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  are normal eigenvalues of L distinct from  $\lambda_0$ , and the sum of the multiplicities of  $\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  is even.

*Proof.* With the use of Lemma 3.3, the proof is similar to Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.2 [5].

REMARK 1. The hypotheses of this theorem are unnecessarily stringent. The same results hold with  $H(\lambda, u)$  if  $||(L - \lambda_0)^{-1}Q_{\lambda_0}||\gamma(H(\lambda_0, \cdot)) < 1$ , where H satisfies H - 2. The preceding proofs, however, become a little more complicated mainly due to notation.

REMARK 2. Suppose that  $H(\lambda, \cdot)$ , when restricted to a ball centered at u = 0, has  $||(L - \lambda_0)^{-1}Q_{\lambda_0}|| \gamma(H_{(\lambda_0, \cdot)}) < 1$  (but this hypothesis fails on the entire space). One can do the degree work on these balls (by reworking all previous proofs) and obtain a theorem similar to that in [4]. (It was necessary to make a change in that theorem due to an error committed in [4] (see the next section).)

Assign  $F(\varepsilon) = [\alpha(\lambda_0) + \varepsilon, \beta(\lambda_0) - \varepsilon]$ . Let  $P_{\varepsilon}$  correspond to  $F(\varepsilon)$ , and  $Q_{\varepsilon} = I - P_{\varepsilon}$ . When restricted to a ball of radius r centered at 0, let  $H_{(\lambda,\cdot)}$  be a  $\gamma_r(H(\lambda,\cdot))$ -set contraction, and define  $\gamma_r(H)$  to be strictly monotone increasing.

THEOREM 3.2. Let  $\lambda_0$  be an isolated eigenvalue of L having odd algebraic multiplicity. L is as before and H satisfies H-2. Then  $(\lambda_0, 0)$  is a bifurcation point of (1.1) and emanating from it is a maximal continuous branch  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}$  which obeys exactly one of the following alternatives for each suitably small  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

(i)  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}$  is unbounded.

(ii)  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}$  is bounded and  $\overline{\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}}$  meets  $S_{\varepsilon} = \{(\lambda, u) | \lambda \in F(\varepsilon) \text{ and } \| u \| = r$  where  $\gamma_r(H(\lambda, \cdot)) = \| (L - \lambda)^{-1}Q_{\varepsilon} \|^{-1} \} \cup \{(\alpha(\lambda_0) + \varepsilon) \times \mathscr{B}\} \cup \{(\beta(\lambda_0) - \varepsilon) \times \mathscr{B}.$ 

(iii)  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}$  is compact,  $\overline{\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}}$  does not meet  $S_{\varepsilon}$ , and  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0} \cap \{0 \times B\} = \{\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$ , each a distinct normal eigenvalue of L, and the sum of their algebraic multiplicities is even.

REMARK 1. In the case where L is self-adjoint,  $||(L - \lambda)^{-1}Q_{\varepsilon}|| = 1/\text{dist}(\lambda, \operatorname{sp}(L)/F(\varepsilon))$  where dist (•) is the standard distance function in **R**. This simplifies the statement of (ii).

REMARK 2. If  $(\alpha(\lambda_0), \beta(\lambda_0)) \cap \operatorname{sp}(L)$  consists of a finite list of eigenvalues, there is an  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that whenever  $0 < \varepsilon_1 < \varepsilon_2 \leq \varepsilon_0$ ,  $S_{\varepsilon_1}$  and  $S_{\varepsilon_2}$  are identical in  $F(\varepsilon_2) \times B$ . This is because  $||(L - \lambda)^{-1}Q_{\varepsilon}||$  is constant in  $\varepsilon$  for  $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$ . This leads to an improvement in (ii) and (iii).

(ii)'  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}$  is bounded and  $\overline{\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}}$  meets  $S = \{(\lambda, u) | \lambda \in (\alpha(\lambda_0), \beta(\lambda_0))$ and ||u|| = r where  $\gamma_r(H(\lambda, \cdot)) = ||(L - \lambda)^{-1}Q_{\varepsilon_0}||^{-1}\} \cup \{\alpha(\lambda_0) \times B\} \cup \{\beta(\lambda_0) \times B\}.$ 

(iii)'  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}$  is compact,  $\overline{\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0}}$  does not meet S, and  $\mathscr{C}_{\lambda_0} \cap \{0 \times B\} = \{\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$ , each a distinct normal eigenvalue of L, and the sum of their algebraic multiplicities is even.

4. Other results. The theorems I proposed in [4] are unfortunately incorrect as stated and require modification as in §3 of this paper. The hypothesis of continuity on H had to be strengthened. My error was in a proof that if one restricted H to a ball centered at 0 in B and on that ball ||H|| = k, then H was a k-set contraction on the ball. This is true for linear operators.

This error was found by Professor Norman Dancer, The University of New England, Armidale N.S.W., Australia. He constructed a counterexample to Theorem I of [4], which I present here. There is an operator  $V: c_0 \rightarrow c_0$  such that if  $x = \lambda V(x)$ , then x = 0 and  $\lambda = 0$ . Set  $B = c_0 \times R$ ,  $L: B \rightarrow B$  is defined by L(w, t) = (2w, t) and  $H: R \times B \rightarrow B$  is defined by  $H(\lambda, (w, t) = (0, \lambda t^2 V(w))$ .

 $\lambda = 1$  is an eigenvalue of L of multiplicity 1. If  $\lambda$  is near 1 and  $Lu = \lambda u + H(\lambda, u)$  where u = (w, t), then  $t = \lambda t$  and  $2w = \lambda w + \lambda t^2 V(w)$ .  $w = \lambda t^2 V(w)/(2 - \lambda)$  which implies w = 0, and together with  $\lambda$  being near 1 imply t = 0. Thus, for  $\lambda$  near 1, the only solution is u = 0. Many thanks to Professor Dancer. The operator V is due to Ana and Vasile Istratescu and appeared in the Proceeding of the Amer. Math. Soc., Vol. 48, No. 1, page 197.

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