

# Discrete spectrum of nonlinear modes in weakly nonlocal problems: a mechanism to emerge

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## Abstract:

We discuss a hypothesis on existence of a countable set of heteroclinic orbits connecting saddle-center points (also called embedded solitons" in some applications). In short, it can be described as follows. Let a system of differential equations depend on some external parameter  $\epsilon$  that defines a singular perturbation. Assume that the system has a heteroclinic orbit for  $\epsilon = 0$  and that the corresponding solution can be analytically extended into upper complex half-plane with the closest to the real axis singularities given by a pair of points  $z = \pm a + ib$ . Then there is a countable set of heteroclinic orbits for the singularly perturbed system corresponding to the discrete set of values  $\epsilon$ ,  $\epsilon = \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3, \dots$  such that  $\epsilon_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and

$$\epsilon_n \sim \frac{b}{\pi/2 + n\pi + \phi_0},$$

where  $\phi_0$  is a constant. We illustrate this statement by numerical results for several nonlinear and weakly nonlocal problems of various physical origin.