

## TIKHOV THEOREM

Let  $z = z(t)$  and  $y = y(t)$  denote  $n$ - and  $m$ -dimensional vectors respectively, and the (autonomous) system be

$$\mu \frac{dz}{dt} = F(z, y, \mu), \quad z(t_0) = z_0, \quad (2.7a)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(z, y, \mu), \quad y(t_0) = y_0. \quad (2.7b)$$

Let  $z = \phi(y)$  be a root of the equation  $F(z, y, 0) = 0$  defined in some closed and bounded domain  $D \subset R^m$ . Consider the degenerate system

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(\phi(y), y, 0), \quad y(t_0) = y_0, \quad (2.8)$$

and denote by  $\bar{y}(t)$  its solution. If:

(a)  $z = \phi(y)$  is an isolated root in  $D$ , positively stable with respect to the adjoined system

$$\frac{dz}{d\sigma} = F(z, y, 0), \quad \sigma = \frac{t}{\mu}, \quad (2.9)$$

uniformly in  $y \in D$ ;

(b) the initial point  $(z_0, y_0)$  lies within the domain of influence of  $\phi(y)$ ;

(c) the solution  $\bar{y} = \bar{y}(t)$  of (2.8) belongs to  $D$  for all  $t \in [t_0, T]$ ,

then the solution  $(z(t, \mu), y(t, \mu))$  of the overall system (2.7) tends to the degenerate solution  $(\bar{z}(t) = \phi(\bar{y}(t)), \bar{y}(t))$  as  $\mu \rightarrow 0$ , in the sense that, for any  $T_0 \in (t_0, T)$ ,

$$\lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} z(t, \mu) = \bar{z}(t) \quad (2.10a)$$

for  $t_0 < t \leq T_0 < T$ , and

$$\lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} y(t, \mu) = \bar{y}(t) \quad (2.10b)$$

for  $t_0 \leq t \leq T_0 < T$ .