

"Flows" Chapter 4 of textbook

A complete flow $\varphi_t(x)$ is a one-parameter ^{time t}
differentiable mapping $\varphi: \mathbb{R} \times M \rightarrow M$ with
following properties: time \nearrow phase space manifold M \nwarrow

(a) $\varphi_0(x) = x$, ie. φ_0 is the identity

(b) $\varphi_t \circ \varphi_s = \varphi_{t+s}$ ie. $\varphi_t \circ \varphi_s(x) = \varphi_t(\varphi_s(x)) = \varphi_{t+s}(x)$
defined for all $x \in M, t \in \mathbb{R}$

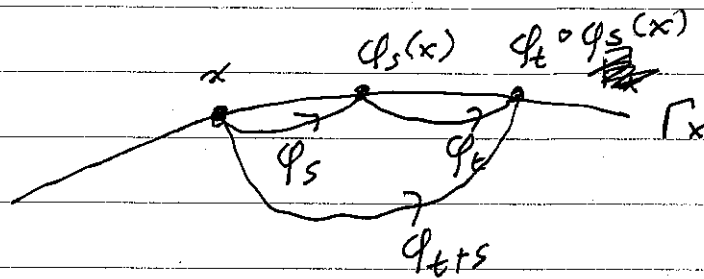
(1) complete: defined for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$, not just an interval

(2) $\varphi_t \circ \varphi_s = \varphi_{t+s}$ is called the group property for flows

(3) $\varphi_t \circ \varphi_{-t} = \varphi_0 = \text{identity}$ $(\varphi_t)^{-1} = \varphi_{-t}$

φ_t is an invertible map

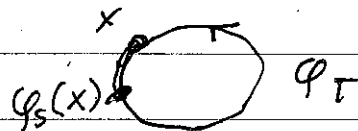
(4) $\varphi_t(x)$ defines a curve Γ_x in M as t varies over \mathbb{R} which is called the orbit or trajectory through x



examples

What if $\varphi_t(x^*) = x^*$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$?
then x^* is a fixed-pt. of the flow

What if $\varphi_T(x) = x$ for some $T > 0$
& $\varphi_t(x) \neq x$ for all $t \in (0, T)$

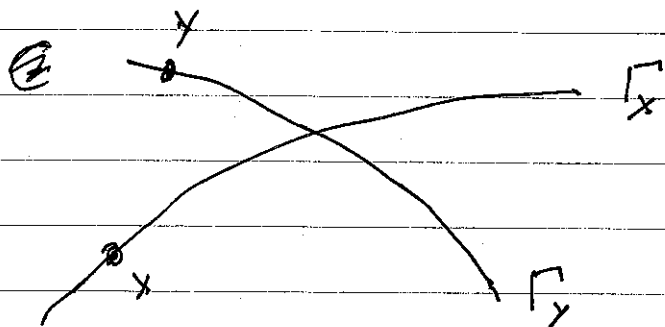


$\Rightarrow x$ is a
periodic pt. with
period T

Show that $\varphi_s(x)$ is also a periodic pt.
with period T :

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_T \circ \varphi_s(x) &= \varphi_{T+s}(x) \\ &= \varphi_s \circ \varphi_T(x) \\ &= \varphi_s(x) \quad \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

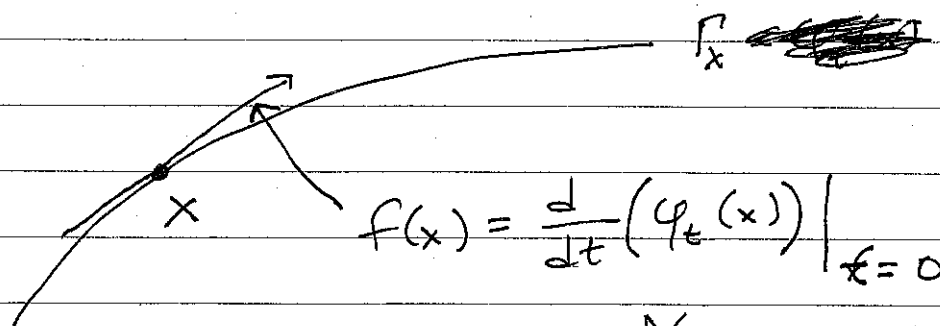
Group property $\varphi_t \circ \varphi_s = \varphi_{t+s}$ implies
two distinct trajectories cannot cross



to see this can't happen, consider the
pt. z where $\varphi_t(y) = \varphi_s(x) = z$

but then $\varphi_{t+r}(y) = \varphi_{s+r}(x)$ for all $r \in \mathbb{R}$
so that contradicts that they are
distinct, ~~which is a con~~

Connection to ODEs: Flows are
differentiable, ~~we~~ so we can't associate
with a flow a vector field $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$,
 $n = \dim(M)$ as follows:



$$f(x) = \left. \frac{d}{dt} (\varphi_t(x)) \right|_{t=0}$$

~~$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\varphi_t(x) - x}{t}$$~~

$$= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\varphi_\epsilon(x) - x}{\epsilon} \right)$$

$\varphi_t(x_0)$ solves the following initial value problem

$$(*) \begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} (\varphi_t(x_0)) = f(\varphi_t(x_0)) \\ \varphi_0(x_0) = x_0 \end{cases}$$

Check :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} (\varphi_t(x_0)) &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\varphi_{t+\epsilon}(x_0) - \varphi_t(x_0)}{\epsilon} \right) \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\varphi_\epsilon(\varphi_t(x_0)) - \varphi_t(x_0)}{\epsilon} \right) \\ &= f(\varphi_t(x_0)) \end{aligned}$$

Bounded Global existence : If $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is locally Lipschitz and bounded, then soln. to $(*) \dot{x} = f(x)$, $x(0) = x_0$ exists ~~and~~ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

$(*)$ generates a complete flow

locally Lipschitz: for every $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ \exists neighborhood N of x s.t. f restricted to N is Lipschitz continuous.

There are vector fields where we don't have global existence, e.g. $\dot{x} = x^2$, $x(0) = x_0 > 0$ solution only exists on an interval $t \in (-\infty, T)$
 $\lim_{t \rightarrow T} x(t) = +\infty$. (See homework)

However, for such cases we can find an equivalent complete flow by re-parameterizing time

Thm. If $f(x)$ is locally Lipschitz on \mathbb{R}^n , then $\dot{x} = f(x)$, $x(0) = x_0$ is equivalent to

$$\frac{dy}{d\tau} = F(y) = \frac{f(y)}{1 + |f(y)|}$$

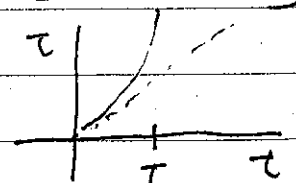
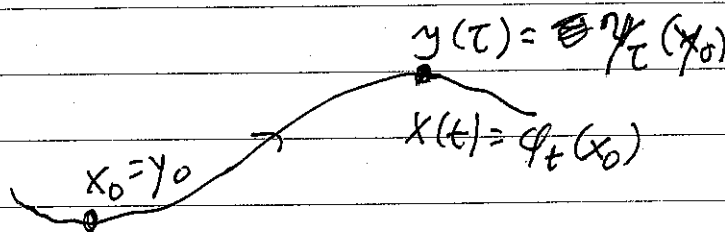
$$y(0) = x_0$$

} bounded & locally Lipschitz & generates a complete flow $\phi_\tau(x_0)$

Equivalence is by reparameterizing time as follows:

$$\text{let } \tau = \int_0^t 1 + |f(x(s))| ds$$

which is strictly monotone increasing



$\tau(t) \Rightarrow t(\tau)$
(invertible)

Return to linearization at a fixed pt. x^*
Simplest solns. $\varphi_t(x^*) = x^*$ for all t

$$\dot{x} = f(x), \quad f \text{ is } C^1$$

$$f(x^*) = 0$$

Associated linear problem

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = Ay \quad A = Df(x^*) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_n}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}_{x=x^*}$$

Let $E =$ (complex) vector space associated
with $Df(x^*)$
 $= E^u \oplus E^c \oplus E^s$

$E^u =$ "unstable eigenspace" $= \text{span} \{ u_j, w_j \mid \text{Re}(\lambda_j) > 0 \}$
 $E^c =$ "center eigenspace" $= \text{span} \{ u_j, w_j \mid \text{Re}(\lambda_j) = 0 \}$
 $E^s =$ "stable eigenspace" $= \text{span} \{ u_j, w_j \mid \text{Re}(\lambda_j) < 0 \}$

here $v_j = u_j + iw_j$ is a (generalized)
eigenvector associated with λ_j

generalized eigenvectors show up if
 $Df(x^*)$ is defective:

λ has algebraic multiplicity $k \geq 2$
& geometric multiplicity $l < k$

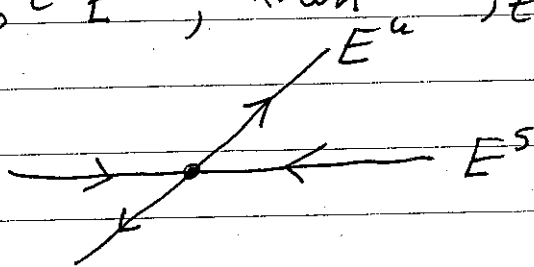
generalized eigenvector of rank m satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} (A - \lambda I)^m v &= 0 \\ (A - \lambda I)^{m-1} v &\neq 0 \end{aligned} \quad (m=1 \Rightarrow \text{eigenvector})$$

Every $n \times n$ matrix has n linearly independent ~~eig~~ generalized eigenvectors

Each of E^u, E^c, E^s ~~are~~ are invariant under the flow generated by $\dot{y} = DF(x^*)y$

If $y_0 \in E^u$, then $\varphi_t(y_0) \in E^u$, etc.



Invariant: a set \mathcal{L} is invariant under φ_t if $\varphi_t(\mathcal{L}) = \mathcal{L} \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\forall y \in \mathcal{L}, \varphi_t(y) \in \mathcal{L}$$