

**Exercise 3.1** Consider  $e_{i=1}^n$  the eigenbasis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\lambda_i$  the corresponding eigenvalue.

(a)  $\implies$  (b) If  $|\lambda_i| < 1$  then for any  $x_0$  any solution to the difference equation  $x^+ = Ax$  must look like

$$\phi(j) = A^j x_0 = A^j \sum_i (x_0 \cdot e_i) e_i = \sum_i (x_0 \cdot e_i) A^j e_i = \sum_i (x_0 \cdot e_i) \lambda_i^j e_i = \lambda_i^j x_0 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } j \rightarrow \infty$$

(a)  $\Leftarrow$  (b) Now suppose all solutions to the difference equation converge to 0, then in particular for each  $x_0 = e_i$  we must have

$$\phi(j) = A^j e_i = \lambda_i^j e_i \rightarrow 0 \iff |\lambda_i| < 1$$

As for the examples, put

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1/2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

then each matrix rotates a point 90 deg counterclockwise, with an additional contraction in either the  $x$  or  $y$  coordinate to ensure repeated application of either  $A_1$  or  $A_2$  spins towards 0. However

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1/2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1/4 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

so that, when  $y_0 \neq 0$  a solution to the difference inclusion exists where we alternate between  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ , however the  $y$  coordinate never converges, i.e. it flips between  $y_0, -y_0$ . If  $y_0 = 0$  but  $x_0 \neq 0$  then applying  $A_2$  first then  $A_1$  and alternating again will lead to a similar issue with the  $x$  coordinate. Together this shows for non 0 initial conditions there are solutions to the difference inclusion which diverge.

**Exercise 3.5** Stuck after two hours-ish, so skipping for now.

**Exercise 3.6** If  $(x, y) \in \text{gph } G$  then  $y \in \bigcup_{u \in K(x)} h(x, u)$ . Fix some  $u \in K(x)$ - we'll show for any such  $u$   $(x, h(x, u)) \in \overline{\text{gph } h}$ . By definition of  $K$ , exercise 2.4 and the definition of  $\liminf$  of sets we know for any  $u \in K(x)$  there's a sequence  $u_i \in k(x + i^{-1}\mathbb{B})$  s.t.  $u_i \rightarrow u$ . By construction there's a corresponding  $x_i \in x + i^{-1}\mathbb{B}$  where  $u_i = k(x_i)$  and  $x_i \rightarrow x$ . Fixing  $y_i := h(x_i, u_i) = h(x_i, k(x_i))$  then  $(x_i, y_i) \in \text{gph } g$ . By continuity of  $h$  we know  $y_i \rightarrow h(x, u)$  and so  $(x, h(x, u)) \in \text{gph } g$ .

**Exercise 3.8** Fix  $j \in I$  and put  $x_i := \phi_i(j)$ , then  $x_i \rightarrow x := \phi(j)$  by hypothesis. Similarly with  $y_i := \phi_i(j+1)$ , then  $y_i \rightarrow y := \phi(j+1)$ . Since each  $\phi_i$  solves the difference inclusion we know  $y_i \in G(x_i)$ . By osc we know  $y \in G(x)$ , hence  $\phi(j+1) \in G(\phi(j))$  so that  $\phi$  is also a solution to the difference inclusion.

**Exercise 3.10** For both of the cases below consider  $\xi_i \rightarrow \xi$ .

(osc) Consider  $(x_{0,i}, x_{1,i}, \dots, x_{J,i}) \rightarrow (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_J)$  where  $(x_{0,i}, x_{1,i}, \dots, x_{J,i}) \in S(\xi_i)$ . By construction we have  $x_{k+1,i} \in G(x_{k,i})$  for any fixed  $k$ . Since  $x_{k+1,i} \rightarrow x_{k+1}$ ,  $x_{k,i} \rightarrow x_k$ , and since  $G$  is osc, we know  $x_{k+1} \in G(x_k)$ . Since additionally  $x_{0,i} = \xi_i \rightarrow \xi = x_0$  it's true that  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_J) \in S(\xi)$ , so that  $S$  is osc.

(isc) Consider  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_J) \in S(\xi)$ . Since  $x_1 \in G(x_0)$  with  $\xi_i \rightarrow \xi$ , isc of  $G$  says for  $i > N_1$   $\exists x_{1,i} \in G(\xi_i)$  with  $x_{1,i} \rightarrow x_1$ . Similarly  $x_2 \in G(x_1)$ , so for  $i > N_2$   $\exists x_{2,i} \in G(x_{1,i})$  where  $x_{2,i} \rightarrow x_2$ . We can do this for all  $x_k$  so that, fixing  $x_{0,i} = \xi_i$ , we find  $(x_{0,i}, x_{1,i}, \dots, x_{J,i})$  for  $i > \max\{N_1, N_2, \dots, N_J\}$ , with the property that each  $x_{k,i} \rightarrow x_k$  and  $x_{k+1,i} \in G(x_{k,i})$ . This means  $(x_{0,i}, x_{1,i}, \dots, x_{J,i}) \in G(\xi_i)$  with  $(x_{0,i}, x_{1,i}, \dots, x_{J,i}) \rightarrow (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_J)$  and so  $G$  is isc.

**Exercise 3.13** Since a finite union of compact sets is compact, we only need to show  $\mathcal{R}_{j=J}(K)$  is compact. Additionally, since  $\mathcal{R}_{j=J}(K) = G^J(K)$ , if we can show  $G(K)$  is compact, then we can apply our argument  $J - 1$  more times to show the desired result. To that end we strive to show  $G(K)$  is bounded and closed. In order to see it's bounded, notice we can build up an open covering of  $K$  by considering  $\bigcup_{x \in K} N(x)$  where  $N(x)$  is the (open) neighborhood of each  $x$  so that  $S(N(x))$  is bounded. By compactness there are  $N(x_k)$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, N$  so that  $K \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^N N(x_k)$ . Notably, then  $G(K) \subset \bigcup_{k=1}^N G(N(x_k))$ , and since a finite union of bounded sets is bounded that means  $G(K)$  is bounded.

Now to show  $G(K)$  is closed take a sequence  $x_i \in G(K)$  such that  $x_i \rightarrow x$ . Since  $x_i \in G(K)$  that means  $G^{-1}(x_i) \neq \emptyset$ . Put  $k_i \in G^{-1}(x_i)$  for each  $i$ . Since  $k_i \in K$ , and  $K$  is compact there's a subsequence  $k_{i_j}$  such that  $k_{i_j} \rightarrow k \in K$ . Now by osc of  $G$ , since  $k_{i_j} \rightarrow k$  and  $x_{i_j} \rightarrow x$  with  $x_{i_j} \in G(k_{i_j})$  we must have  $x \in G(k) \subset G(K)$ , hence  $G(K)$  is closed, and thus compact.

**Exercise 3.15** Put  $G(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$  when  $x \neq 0$  and 1 when  $x = 0$ , then  $\phi$  is a forward complete solution to  $x^+ \in G(x)$  when defined by

$$\phi(j) = \begin{cases} 2 & j = 0, \\ 2^{(-2)^j} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Notably  $0 \in \omega(\phi)$  since  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \phi(2i+1) = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} 2^{(-2)^{2i+1}} = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} 2^{-(2)^{2i+1}} = 0$ . However  $G(0) = 1$  is not in  $\omega(\phi)$  as for large  $i$   $\phi(i)$  is either a really big number or a number very close to 0, hence it doesn't stay in any close neighborhood of 1. Together this shows  $\omega(\phi)$  is not weakly forward invariant.

N.B. I feel like I'm missing something here. Maybe the above solution is good enough, but I'm not sure I understand the 'spirit' of the problem.

**Exercise 3.17** It's clear that  $\inf_{\phi} |\phi(0)| + |\phi(2)| \geq 0$ . We aim to find a sequence of  $\phi_i$  that are solutions whereas the limit of the objective of these solutions converges to 0. To that end put

$$\phi_i(0) = i^{-1}, \phi_i(1) = i, \phi_i(2) = i^{-1}$$

then  $\phi_i$  is a solution to  $x^+ = H(x)$  and  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} |\phi(0)| + |\phi(2)| = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} 2i^{-1} = 0$ , so  $\inf_{\phi} |\phi(0)| + |\phi(2)| = 0$ . Now suppose there is an optimal solution  $\phi$  where this inf is achieved. Then  $\phi(0) = 0$ . In order for  $\phi$  to be a solution then  $\phi(1) = 1$ , which in turn forces  $\phi(2) = 1$ , but then the cost is not 0, hence such a solution doesn't exist.

**Exercise 3.18** Put  $c(a, b) = |a| + |b|$  and consider

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} e^{\sqrt{2}} & x = 0, \\ e^{2i-1} & x = e^{-i}, i \in \mathbb{N}^+ \\ e^{2i} & x = e^{2i-1}, i \in \mathbb{N}^+, \\ e^{-i} & x = e^{2i}, i \in \mathbb{N}^+, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$g$  is indeed locally bounded and discontinuous. In order to minimize  $c(\phi(0), \phi(2))$  consider  $\phi(0) = 0, \phi(1) = e^{\sqrt{2}}, \phi(2) = 0$  then  $\phi$  is a minimizer since  $c$  is bounded below by 0, and  $c(\phi(0), \phi(2)) = 0$ . Consider  $\phi_i$  defined by

$$\phi_i(0) = e^{-i}, \phi_i(1) = e^{2i+1}, \phi_i(2) = e^{2i}, \phi_i(3) = e^{-i},$$

then  $\phi_i$  are solutions to  $x^+ = g(x)$ , and  $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} c(\phi(0), \phi(1)) = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} 2e^{-i} = 0$ , hence since also  $c(\phi(0), \phi(3))$ ,  $\inf_{\phi} c(\phi(0), \phi(3)) = 0$ . Now suppose we can find  $\phi$  optimal so that  $c(\phi(0), \phi(3)) = 0$ , then  $\phi(1) = e^{\sqrt{2}}, \phi(2) = 0$  and  $\phi(3) = e^{\sqrt{2}}$  hence  $c(\phi(0), \phi(3)) = e^{\sqrt{2}}$ , a contradiction so no such  $\phi$  can exist.

**Exercise 3.20** Our plan is to use the 'direct' method to show an optimal solution exists. Since  $\mathcal{U}$  is non-empty  $\exists u \in \mathcal{U}$  and so we can form at least one solution to  $x^+ \in G(x)$  by putting  $x(1) = g(\xi, u), x(2) = g(x(1), u)$  all the way up to  $x(J)$ . Next, the cost function is bounded below by 0 since  $g, l$  (and thus  $L$ ) only map to non-negative numbers. Together these points tell us

$$\alpha := \inf\{c(x) \mid x(0) = \xi, x(j+1) = x(j) \ \forall j \in J_-\} \text{ is finite, where } c(x) := \sum_{j=0}^{J-1} L(x(j), x(j+1)) + d(x(J))$$

By definition of inf there's a sequence of solutions  $x_i$  such that  $c(x_i) \rightarrow \alpha$ . By local boundedness of  $G$   $x_i(1) \in G(x(0) + i^{-1}\mathbb{B})$ , which is bounded, hence there's a convergent subsequence  $x_{i_k}(1)$  and corresponding. Since  $G^{-1}(x_{i_k}) \neq \emptyset$  we can find a subsequence of  $x^{(i_k)}$  (without relabeling) s.t.  $x^{(i_k)}(0) \rightarrow x(0)$ . If we fix  $x(1) := \lim_k x_{i_k}(1)$ , then by osc of  $G$  we know  $x(1) \in G(x(0))$ . We can proceed this way for  $x(2), x(3), \dots, x(J)$  to show that  $x := \lim_i x_i$  is a solution to  $x^+ \in G$ . Since  $L$  is lsc &  $d$  is continuous, we must have

$$c(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{J-1} L(x(j), x(j+1)) + d(x(J)) \leq \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=0}^{J-1} L(x_i(j), x_i(j+1)) + d(x_i(J)) = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} c(x_i) = \alpha,$$

so  $x$  must be an optimal solution.

N.B. The sequences  $x^{(i_k)}(j)$  are not necessarily the same as the sequences  $x_{i_k}(j)$  for any fixed  $j$ , hence the change in notation.