

**Exercise set # 2.2**

**Exercise 1.** Consider the equation

$$\begin{cases} x' = x - y - x(x^2 + y^2) \\ y' = x + y - y(x^2 + y^2) \end{cases}$$

Compute the Poincaré map of it with respect to the section  $\Sigma = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x > 0, y = 0\}$  in explicit form. Hint: Use polar coordinates.

*Proof.* Let us follow the hint and use polar coordinates to simplify the system of differential equations. Let  $(r, \theta) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{S}^1$ , and consider the following change of variables

$$\begin{cases} x = r \cos \theta, \\ y = r \sin \theta. \end{cases}$$

Since  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$  and  $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$ , taking derivatives, one can obtain the following formula for time derivative of polar coordinates

$$\begin{cases} r' = \frac{xx' + yy'}{r}, \\ \theta' = \frac{xy' - yx'}{r^2}. \end{cases}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} rr' &= x(x - y - x(x^2 + y^2)) + y(x + y - y(x^2 + y^2)) = x^2 + y^2 - (x^2 + y^2)^2 = r^2 - r^4, \\ r^2\theta' &= x(x + y - y(x^2 + y^2)) - y(x - y - x(x^2 + y^2)) = x^2 + y^2 = r^2, \end{aligned}$$

and the initial system of differential equations becomes

$$\begin{cases} r' = (1 - r^2)r, \\ \theta' = 1. \end{cases}$$

Since  $(r, \theta) \in \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{S}^1$ , the mentioned section  $\Sigma = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x > 0, y = 0\}$  becomes  $\Sigma = \{(r, \theta) : r > 0, \theta = 0\}$ . Notice that every point in  $\Sigma$  returns to the section at  $t = 2\pi$ , hence, we can take as Poincaré map the restriction of the flow to the section  $\Sigma$  computed at the time  $2\pi$ . Therefore, if we are able to compute the flow of the system, we will be done. Integrating, for the component  $\theta$  we simply have  $\theta(t) = \theta_0 + t$  and for the  $r$  component we need to separate the variables and integrate:

$$\int \frac{1}{(1 - r^2)r} dr = \int dt \implies \log \left( \frac{r}{\sqrt{1 - r^2}} \right) = t + c.$$

Applying the exponential function to both sides of the last equation, we obtain

$$r(t) = \sqrt{\frac{e^{2(t+c)}}{1 + e^{2(t+c)}}}.$$

Since  $r_0 = r(0) = \sqrt{\frac{e^{2t}}{1 + e^{2t}}}$ , we can write  $r(t)$  as

$$r(t) = \sqrt{\frac{e^{2t}r_0^2}{1 + r_0^2(e^{2t} - 1)}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 + e^{-2t} \left( \frac{1}{r_0^2} - 1 \right)}}.$$

Therefore, the flow of the system is

$$\Phi(r, \theta) = \left( \theta + t, \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 + e^{-2t} \left( \frac{1}{r_0^2} - 1 \right)}} \right).$$

As previously mentioned, the Poincaré map is given by  $\Phi_{2\pi}|_{\Sigma}$

$$P(r) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{1 + e^{-4\pi} \left( \frac{1}{r^2} - 1 \right)}}$$

□

**Exercise 2.** Let  $f(x) = \lambda x + bx^2$  be a map from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $|\lambda| \neq 0, 1$ . Compute the Taylor expansion of a conjugation  $h$  between  $f$  and  $Ax = \lambda x$ , such that  $h(0) = 0$  and  $h'(0) = 1$ , up to order 3. Do you think it is possible to find the Taylor expansion to all orders? If so, are the coefficients uniquely determined?

*Proof.* Let us start by computing the Taylor expansion of the conjugation up to order 3. Let  $h$  be a conjugation between  $f$  and  $g(x) = \lambda x$  such that  $h(0) = 0$  and  $h'(0) = 1$ . Then, the following diagram must be commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{f} & \mathbb{R} \\ h \downarrow & & \downarrow h \\ \mathbb{R} & \xrightarrow{g} & \mathbb{R} \end{array}$$

Consider the Taylor expansion of  $h$  with  $h(0) = 0$  and  $h'(0) = 1$  up to order 3, i.e.,

$$h(x) = h(0) + h'(0)x + \frac{h''(0)}{2}x^2 + \frac{h'''(0)}{6}x^3 = x + \frac{h''(0)}{2}x^2 + \frac{h'''(0)}{6}x^3.$$

Let us define  $\alpha := h''(0)$  and  $\beta := h'''(0)$ . Due to the commutative diagram,  $h \circ f = g \circ h$ , i.e.,

$$(\lambda x + bx^2) + \frac{\alpha}{2}(\lambda x + bx^2)^2 + \frac{\beta}{6}(\lambda x + bx^2)^3 = \lambda \left( x + \frac{\alpha}{2}x^2 + \frac{\beta}{6}x^3 \right). \quad (0.1)$$

Matching coefficients of degree 2, we have that

$$b + \frac{\alpha\lambda^2}{2} = \frac{\alpha\lambda}{2}, \quad (0.2)$$

and matching coefficients of degree 3, we have that

$$\alpha\lambda b + \frac{\beta\lambda^3}{6} = \frac{\beta\lambda}{6}. \quad (0.3)$$

Hence, isolating  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  from (0.2) and (0.3) respectively, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= \frac{2b}{\lambda(1-\lambda)}, \\ \beta &= \frac{6\alpha b}{1-\lambda^2} = \frac{12b^2}{\lambda(1-\lambda)(1-\lambda^2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Notice that it is possible to derive the Taylor expansion to any degree, and the coefficients are uniquely defined. This fact is evident through the expression (0.1). Notice that each  $h^{(n)}(0)$  can be computed by utilizing  $h^{(n-1)}(0)$  and considering the condition  $0 \neq \lambda \neq 1$ . □

**Exercise 3.** Consider the map

$$f(x, y) = (\lambda x, \lambda^2 y + x^2), \quad 0 < \lambda < 1.$$

Prove that  $f$  cannot be linearized with a  $\mathcal{C}^2$  conjugation.

*Proof.* Let us proof that  $f$  can not be locally conjugated to its linear part by a  $\mathcal{C}^2$  conjugation.

First, notice that  $f(0, 0) = (0, 0)$  and that  $(0, 0)$  is an hyperbolic fixed point, since  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  :

$$A = Df(0, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We claim that  $f^k(x, y) = (\lambda^k x, \lambda^{2k} y + k\lambda^{2(k-1)}x^2)$ . This can be easily prove it by induction. For  $k = 1$  is clear. Now, assume the result true for  $k$  and let us see it for  $k + 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f^{k+1}(x, y) &= f(\lambda^k x, \lambda^{2k} y + k\lambda^{2(k-1)}x^2) \\ &= (\lambda^{k+1}x, \lambda^2(\lambda^{2k}y + k\lambda^{2(k-1)}x^2) + \lambda^{2k}x^2) \\ &= (\lambda^{k+1}x, \lambda^{2(k+1)}y + (k+1)\lambda^{2k}x^2). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $g(x) = Ax$  and assume  $h$  be a  $\mathcal{C}^2$  conjugation such that  $h \circ f = g \circ h$  (we will try to reach a contradiction). We have that  $h(0, 0) = (0, 0)$  since  $h(f(0, 0)) = h(0, 0) = g(h(0, 0))$ , i.e.,  $A(h(0, 0)) = h(0, 0)$  and  $h(0, 0)$  is an eigenvector of eigenvalue 1. But since  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ , 1 is not an eigenvalue of  $A$  and then  $h(0, 0) = (0, 0)$ . Let  $H := h^{-1}$ ,  $H(0, 0) = (0, 0)$  and  $f \circ H = H \circ g$ . Therefore,

$$f^k \circ H = H \circ g^k.$$

Writing it by components,

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad & \lambda^k H_1(x, y) = H_1(\lambda^k x, \lambda^{2k} y), \\ (2) \quad & \lambda^{2k} H_2(x, y) + k\lambda^{2(k-1)}(H_1(x, y))^2 = H_2(\lambda^k x, \lambda^{2k} y). \end{aligned}$$

Fix  $y = 0$  and assume  $x \neq 0$ . Since  $H_1(0, 0) = 0$ , equation (1) gives us

$$H_1(x, 0) = \frac{H_1(\lambda^k x, 0)}{\lambda^k} = x \left[ \frac{H_1(\lambda^k x, 0) - H_1(0, 0)}{\lambda^k x} \right] \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} x \frac{\partial H_1}{\partial x}(0, 0).$$

Moreover, if  $x \neq 0$ , since  $H \in \mathcal{C}^2$ , the equation is still true. Hence  $H_1(x, 0) = x \frac{\partial H_1}{\partial x}(0, 0) \forall x$ . Now, fixing  $y = 0$ , equation (2) becomes

$$k\lambda^{2(k-1)}(H_1(x, 0))^2 = H_2(\lambda^k x, 0) - \lambda^{2k} H_2(x, 0).$$

Taking  $x = \lambda^k t$ , since  $H_2(\lambda^k x, 0) \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0$ , we have that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k(H_1(\lambda^k t, 0))^2 = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \lambda^{2k} t \frac{H_2(\lambda^{2k} t, 0)}{\lambda^{2k} t} - \lambda^{2k} H_2(\lambda^k t, 0) \right] = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda^{2k} t \frac{H_2(\lambda^{2k} t, 0)}{\lambda^{2k} t}.$$

Since  $H_2(0, 0) = 0$ , we can rewrite the previous equation to obtain

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k(H_1(\lambda^k t, 0))^2 = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \lambda^{2k} t \left[ \frac{H_2(\lambda^{2k} t, 0) - H_2(0, 0)}{\lambda^{2k} t} \right] = \lambda^{2k} t \frac{\partial H_2}{\partial x}(0, 0).$$

Since  $H_1(\lambda^k x, 0) = \lambda^k x \frac{\partial H_1}{\partial x}(0, 0)$ , the limit becomes

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k \lambda^{2k} x^2 \left( \frac{\partial H_1}{\partial x}(0, 0) \right)^2 = x \lambda^2 \frac{\partial H_2}{\partial x}(0, 0),$$

and since  $k \lambda^{2k} \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0$ , we have that  $\frac{\partial H_2}{\partial x}(0, 0) = 0$ .

Now, we can take partial derivatives of (1) with respect to  $y$  to obtain

$$\lambda^k \frac{\partial H_1}{\partial y}(x, y) = \lambda^{2k} \frac{\partial H_1}{\partial y}(\lambda^k x, \lambda^{2k} y).$$

Hence,

$$\frac{\partial H_1}{\partial y}(x, y) = \lambda^k \frac{\partial H_1}{\partial y}(\lambda^k x, \lambda^{2k} y) \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} 0,$$

and  $\frac{\partial H_1}{\partial y}(x, y) = 0 \quad \forall x, y$ . This implies that  $H_1$  does not depend on  $y$ , i.e.,  $H_1(x, y) = H_1(x)$ . Now, taking partial derivatives of (2) with respect to  $x$ , we have that

$$\lambda^{2k} \frac{\partial H_2}{\partial x}(x, y) + 2k \lambda^{2(k-1)} H_1(x) \frac{\partial H_1}{\partial x}(x) = \lambda^k \frac{\partial H_2}{\partial x}(\lambda^k x, \lambda^{2k} y).$$

Then,

$$2k \lambda^{-2} H_1(x) \frac{\partial H_1}{\partial x}(x) = \lambda^{-k} \frac{\partial H_2}{\partial x}(\lambda^k x, \lambda^{2k} y) - \frac{\partial H_2}{\partial x}(x, y).$$

Fixing  $y = 0$ , since we have seen that  $\frac{\partial H_2}{\partial x}(0, 0) = 0$ , the previous equation becomes

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} 2k \lambda^{-2} H_1(x) \frac{\partial H_1}{\partial x}(x) = x \left[ \frac{\frac{\partial H_2}{\partial x}(\lambda^k x, 0) - \frac{\partial H_2}{\partial x}(0, 0)}{\lambda^k x} \right] - \frac{\partial H_2}{\partial x}(x, 0) = x \frac{\partial^2 H_2}{\partial x^2}(0, 0) - \frac{\partial H_2}{\partial x}(x, 0).$$

Notice that the right-hand side of the equation does not depend on  $k$  and, the limit of the left-hand side goes to infinity unless  $H_1(x) = 0$  or  $\frac{\partial H_1}{\partial x}(x) = 0$ . Then, we face two possibilities:

$$\begin{cases} i) H_1(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \text{ and } x \frac{\partial^2 H_2}{\partial x^2}(0, 0) = \frac{\partial H_2}{\partial x}(x, 0), \\ ii) \frac{\partial H_1}{\partial x}(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \text{ and } x \frac{\partial^2 H_2}{\partial x^2}(0, 0) = \frac{\partial H_2}{\partial x}(x, 0). \end{cases}$$

Hence,  $H_1(x) \frac{\partial H_1}{\partial x}(x) = 0 \quad \forall x$ . This implies that  $\frac{\partial H_1^2}{\partial x}(x) = 2H_1(x) \frac{\partial H_1}{\partial x}(x) = 0 \quad \forall x$ . Therefore,  $H_1^2$  does not depend on  $x$  and in consequence neither does  $H_1$ . Since we have seen that  $H_1$  was neither depending on  $y$ ,  $H_1$  is constant. Then, there exist a fixed value  $k$  such that  $H = (H_1, H_2) = (k, H_2)$ , leading to a contradiction with  $H$  being injective.  $\square$