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## Hartman-Grobman theorem

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Consider the differential equation

$$x' = f(x) \tag{1}$$

where  $f$  is a  $C^1$  vector field. Assume that  $x_0$  is a hyperbolic equilibrium of  $f$ . Denote  $\Phi_t(x)$  the flow of (??) through  $x$  at time  $t$ . Then there exists a homeomorphism  $\varphi(x) = x + h(x)$  with  $h$  bounded, such that

$$\varphi \circ e^{tDf(x_0)} = \Phi_t \circ \varphi$$

is a sufficiently small neighborhood of  $x_0$ .

This fundamental theorem in the qualitative analysis of nonlinear differential equations states that, in a small neighborhood of  $x_0$ , the flow of the nonlinear equation (??) is qualitatively similar to that of the linear system  $x' = Df(x_0)x$ .