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hyperbolic set

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Let M be a compact smooth manifold, and let $f : M \rightarrow M$ be a diffeomorphism. An f -invariant subset Λ of M is said to be *hyperbolic* (or to have an hyperbolic structure) if there is a splitting of the tangent bundle of M restricted to Λ into a (Whitney) sum of two Df -invariant subbundles, E^s and E^u such that the restriction of $Df|_{E^s}$ is a contraction and $Df|_{E^u}$ is an expansion. This means that there are constants $0 < \lambda < 1$ and $c > 0$ such that

1. $T_\Lambda M = E^s \oplus E^u$;
2. $Df(x)E_x^s = E_{f(x)}^s$ and $Df(x)E_x^u = E_{f(x)}^u$ for each $x \in \Lambda$;
3. $\|Df^n v\| < c\lambda^n \|v\|$ for each $v \in E^s$ and $n > 0$;
4. $\|Df^{-n} v\| < c\lambda^n \|v\|$ for each $v \in E^u$ and $n > 0$.

using some Riemannian metric on M .

If Λ is hyperbolic, then there exists an *adapted* Riemannian metric, i.e. one such that $c = 1$.