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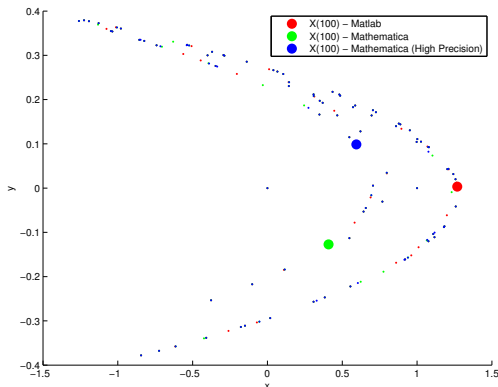- A simple example (Henon map).

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Theorem (Contraction Mapping Theorem)

Let $(X, \mathbf{d})$ be a complete metric space. If $T: X \to X$ is a contraction with contraction constant κ, then there exists a unique fixed point $\tilde{x} \in X$ of T. Furthermore, $\tilde{x}$ is globally attracting, and for any $x \in X$,

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$$\mathbf{d}(\tilde{y}, \tilde{x}) = \mathbf{d}(T(\tilde{y}), T(\tilde{x})) \le \kappa \mathbf{d}(\tilde{y}, \tilde{x}),$$

which is a contradiction. $\qquad\square$

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▸ Note that $x_0 \in X$ was arbitrary. Hence we have

$$\mathbf{d}(T^n(x), \tilde{x}) \le \mathbf{d}(T^n(x), T^m(x)) + \mathbf{d}(T^m(x), \tilde{x})$$

$$\le \frac{\kappa^n}{1 - \kappa} \mathbf{d}(T(x), x) + \mathbf{d}(T^m(x), \tilde{x}).$$

for any $x \in X$, and all $m > n$. Taking the limit as $m \to \infty$ yields the bound claimed.

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Theorem

Let X and Y be vector spaces. Let $U \subset X$ and $V \subset Y$. Consider $f \colon U \to V$. Assume that $A \colon Y \to X$ is an injective linear map. Let $T \colon U \to X$ be defined by

$$T(x) = x - Af(x).$$

Then, $T(\tilde{x}) = \tilde{x}$ if and only if $f(\tilde{x}) = 0$.

Definition

Let $f \in C^1(U, \mathbb{R}^N)$ where $U \subset \mathbb{R}^N$ is an open set. A point $\tilde{x} \in U$ is a *nondegenerate zero* of f if $f(\tilde{x}) = 0$ and $Df(\tilde{x})$ is invertible.

Radii Polynomials in Finite Dimensions

Theorem (Radii polynomials in finite dimensions)

Consider $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^N, \mathbb{R}^N)$. Let $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N$ and $A \in M_N(\mathbb{R})$. Let Y_0 and Z_0 be non-negative constants and $Z_2 : (0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$ a non-negative function satisfying

$$\|Af(\bar{x})\| \leq Y_0$$
$$\|I - ADf(\bar{x})\| \leq Z_0$$
$$\|A[Df(c) - Df(\bar{x})]\| \leq Z_2(r)r, \quad \text{for all } c \in \overline{B_r(\bar{x})} \text{ and all } r > 0.$$

Define

$$p(r) = Z_2(r)r^2 - (1 - Z_0)r + Y_0.$$

If there exists $r_0 > 0$ such that $p(r_0) < 0$, then there exists a unique $\tilde{x} \in \overline{B_{r_0}(\bar{x})}$ satisfying $f(\tilde{x}) = 0$ and $Df(\tilde{x})$ is invertible.

Definition

Since in practice the bound $Z_2(r)$ is usually chosen to be a polynomial with nonnegative coefficients, the function $p(r)$ is called a radii polynomial.

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- In particular, $\|I - ADf(\bar{x})\| < 1$ and hence $ADf(\bar{x})$ is invertible (Exercise). This implies that A is invertible.

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- To see that T is a contraction on $\overline{B_{r_0}(\bar{x})}$, let $a, b \in \overline{B_{r_0}(\bar{x})}$ and apply the Mean Value Theorem to obtain

$$\|T(a) - T(b)\| \leq \sup_{c \in \overline{B_{r_0}(\bar{x})}} \|DT(c)\| \|a - b\| \leq \kappa \|a - b\|.$$

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- The contraction mapping theorem yields the existence of a unique $\tilde{x} \in \overline{B_{r_0}(\bar{x})}$ such that $T(\tilde{x}) = \tilde{x} - Af(\tilde{x}) = \tilde{x}$. The invertibility of A yields the existence of a unique solution $\tilde{x} \in \overline{B_{r_0}(\bar{x})}$ of $f(x) = 0$.

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Existence Interval

Consider a radii polynomial $p(r) = Z_2(r)r^2 - (1 - Z_0)r + Y_0$ for a function $f: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ and assume that $Z_2(r)$ is a polynomial with non-negative coefficients, or more generally a non-decreasing function of r. Observe that if there exists $r_0 > 0$ such that $p(r_0) < 0$, then there exists an interval $(r_-, r_+) \subset (0, \infty)$ containing r_0 over which the inequality is satisfied. The maximal such interval is called the existence interval for the radii polynomial p and denoted by

$$\text{EI}(p).$$

Since $\tilde{x}$ is the unique zero of f in $\overline{B_r(\tilde{x})}$ for all $r \in \text{EI}(p)$, r_- provides tight bounds on the location of $\tilde{x}$, while r_+ provides information about the domain of isolation of $\tilde{x}$. In particular, if the existence interval for the radii polynomials is nonempty, then one can present an explicit domain $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ in which there exists a unique zero of f.

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▸ To determine Z_2 it is useful to use a change of variables. Given $c \in \overline{B_r(\bar{x})}$, set $b := c - \bar{x} \in \overline{B_r(0)}$. Then

$$(Df(c) - Df(\bar{x})) = (Df(\bar{x} + b) - Df(\bar{x}))$$
$$= \left[\begin{pmatrix} 8\bar{x}_1 + 8b_1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2\bar{x}_2 + 2b_2 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 8\bar{x}_1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2\bar{x}_2 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} 8b_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2b_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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- Then we can set

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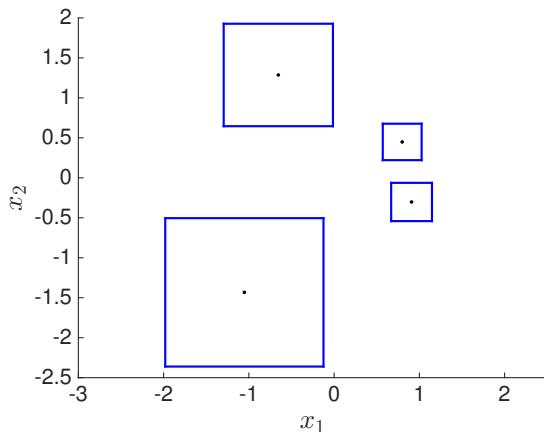
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Figure: Largest existence and uniqueness enclosures for each equilibrium of f for $\lambda = 3$. For each $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$, the radius around $\bar{x}^{(i)}$ is the largest value of $I^{(i)}$. The smallest enclosure is too small to represent graphically.