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## 0.1 Hyperbolic Dynamics

### 0.1.1 Hyperbolic Sets

Throughout,  $M$  is a  $C^1$  Riemannian manifold,  $U \subset M$  a non-empty open subset, and  $f : U \rightarrow M$  a  $C^1$  diffeomorphism.

**Definition 1.** A compact,  $f$ -invariant subset  $\Lambda \subset U$  is called *hyperbolic* if there are  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ ,  $C > 0$ , and regular distributions  $E_x^s, E_x^u \subset T_x M$ ;  $x \in \Lambda$  such that for all  $x$ :

1.  $T_x M = E_x^s \oplus E_x^u$
2.  $\|T_x f^n v^s\| \leq C \lambda^n \|v^s\|$  for all  $v^s \in E_x^s$
3.  $\|T_x f^{-n} v^u\| \leq C \lambda^n \|v^u\|$  for all  $v^u \in E_x^u$
4.  $(T_x f)(E_x^s) = E_{f(x)}^s$  and  $(T_x f)(E_x^u) = E_{f(x)}^u$

The distributions  $E^s$  and  $E^u$  are called the stable and unstable distribution of  $f|_\Lambda$ . If  $\Lambda = M$ , then  $f$  is called an *Anosov diffeomorphism*.

**Proposition 1.** Let  $\Lambda$  be a hyperbolic set of  $f$ . Then the stable and unstable distributions are smooth and regular.

**Proposition 2.** Let  $\Lambda$  be a hyperbolic set of  $f$  with constants  $C$  and  $\lambda$ . Then for  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a  $C^1$  Riemannian metric  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle'$  in a neighborhood of  $\Lambda$  called the *Lyapunov or adapted metric*, for which  $f$  is hyperbolic with new constants  $C' = 1$  and  $\lambda' = \lambda + \varepsilon$ , and the stable and unstable distributions are  $\varepsilon$ -orthogonal ( $\langle v^s, v^u \rangle' < \varepsilon$  for unit vectors in the respective distributions).

A fixed point of a differentiable map  $f$  is *hyperbolic* if no eigenvalue of  $T_x f$  lies on the unit circle. A periodic point of period  $k$  is called *hyperbolic* if no eigenvalue of  $T_x f^k$  lies on the unit circle.

### 0.1.2 $\varepsilon$ -Orbits

An  $\varepsilon$ -orbit is a finite or infinite sequence  $(x_n) \subset U$  satisfying  $d(f(x_n), x_{n+1}) < \varepsilon$ . These are also called *pseudo-orbits*.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $\Lambda$  be a hyperbolic set of  $f : U \rightarrow M$ . Then there is an open  $O \subset U$  containing  $\Lambda$  and there are positive  $\varepsilon_0, \delta_0$  satisfying:  $\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta \forall g : O \rightarrow M$  with  $\text{dist}_1(g, f) < \varepsilon_0$ , any homeomorphism  $h : X \rightarrow X$  and any continuous map  $\phi : X \rightarrow O$  with  $\text{dist}_0(\phi \circ h, g \circ \phi) < \delta$ , then there is a continuous map  $\psi : X \rightarrow O$  with  $\psi \circ h = g \circ \psi$  and  $\text{dist}_0(\phi, \psi) < \varepsilon$ . Additionally,  $\psi$  is unique in the sense that  $\psi' \circ h = g \circ \psi'$  &  $\text{dist}_0(\phi, \psi) < \delta_0$ , then  $\psi = \psi'$ .

**Corollary 1.** Let  $\Lambda$  be a hyperbolic set of  $f : U \rightarrow M$ . Then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $(x_k)$  is a (in)finite  $\delta$ -orbit of  $f$  and  $\text{dist}(x_k, \Lambda) < \delta$  then there is  $x \in \Lambda_\varepsilon$  with  $\text{dist}((f^k(x), x_k) < \varepsilon$ .

**Proof.** Choose  $O$  satisfying the conditions in 1 and  $\delta$  such that  $\Lambda_\delta \subset O$ . If  $(x_k)$  is (semi-in)finite, add to  $(x_k)$  the preimages of some  $y_0 \in \Lambda$  whose distance to the first point in the sequence is  $< \delta$ , and/or the images of some  $y_m \in \Lambda$  whose distance to the last point of the sequence is  $< \delta$  to obtain a  $\delta$ -orbit lying in the  $\delta$ -neighborhood of  $\Lambda$ . Let  $X = (x_k)$  with the discrete topology,  $g = f$ ,  $h : X \rightarrow X$  the shift  $x_k \mapsto x_{k+1}$  and  $\phi : X \rightarrow U$  be the inclusion into the manifold. Since  $(x_k)$  is a  $\delta$ -orbit,  $\text{dist}(\phi(h(x_k)), \phi(x_k)) < \delta$ , then theorem 1 applies and the corollary follows.

Recall the set of nonwandering points  $\text{NW}(f)$  is the set of points where the iterate of any neighborhood intersects the neighborhood, and the Periodic points of  $f$ ,  $\text{Per}(f)$ . If  $\Lambda$  is  $f$ -invariant, we can speak of  $\text{NW}(f|_\Lambda)$ . In general,  $\text{NW}(f|_\Lambda) \neq \text{NW}(f) \cap \Lambda$ .

**Proposition 3.** *If  $\Lambda$  is a hyperbolic set of  $f : U \rightarrow M$ , then  $\overline{\text{Per}(f|_\Lambda)} = \text{NW}(f|_\Lambda)$ .*

**Corollary 2.** *If  $f : M \rightarrow M$  is Anosov, then  $\overline{\text{Per}(f)} = \text{NW}(f)$ .*

### 0.1.3 Invariant Cones

Let  $\Lambda$  be a hyperbolic set of  $f : U \rightarrow M$ . Since the distributions  $E^s$  and  $E^u$  are continuous, we can extend them to continuous distributions in a neighborhood  $U(\Lambda) \supset \Lambda$ . If  $x \in \Lambda$  and  $v \in T_x M$ , then  $v = v^s + v^u$ . Now assume the metric is adapted with constant  $\lambda$ . For  $\alpha > 0$ , define the (un)stable cones of size  $\alpha$  by

$$K_\alpha^s(x) = \{v \in T_x M : \|v^u\| \leq \alpha \|v^s\|\}$$

$$K_\alpha^u(x) = \{v \in T_x M : \|v^s\| \leq \alpha \|v^u\|\}$$

For a cone  $K$ , let  $\mathring{K} = \text{int}(K) \cup \{0\}$ . Let  $\Lambda_\varepsilon = d_\Lambda^{-1}([0, \varepsilon])$ .

**Proposition 4.** *For every  $\alpha > 0$  there is  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(\alpha)$  such that  $f^i(\Lambda_\varepsilon) \subset U(\Lambda)$ ,  $i = -1, 0, 1$  and for every  $x \in \Lambda_\varepsilon$ :*

$$T_x f(K_\alpha^u(x)) \subset \mathring{K}_\alpha^u(f(x)); (T_{f(x)} f^{-1})(K_\alpha^s(f(x))) \subset \mathring{K}_\alpha^s(x)$$

**Proposition 5.** *For every  $\delta > 0$ , there are  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $f^i(\Lambda_\varepsilon) \subset U(\Lambda)$ ,  $i = -1, 0, 1$  and for every  $x \in \Lambda_\varepsilon$ :*

$$\|T_x f^{-1}(v)\| \leq (\lambda + \delta)\|v\|, \quad v \in K_\alpha^u(x)$$

$$\|T_x f(v)\| \leq (\lambda + \delta)\|v\|, \quad v \in K_\alpha^s(x)$$

**Proposition 6.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be a compact invariant set of  $f : U \rightarrow M$ . Suppose that there is a  $\alpha > 0$  and for every  $x \in \Lambda$  there are continuous subspaces  $E_x^s, E_x^u$  such that  $E_x^s \oplus E_x^u = T_x M$  and the  $\alpha$ -cones  $K_\alpha^s(x)$  and  $K_\alpha^u(x)$  determined by the subspaces satisfy*

$$1. (T_x f)(K_\alpha^u(x)) \subset K_\alpha^u(x) \text{ and } (T_{f(x)} f^{-1})(K_\alpha^s(x)) \subset K_\alpha^s(x)$$

2.  $\|T_x f(v)\| < \|v\|$  for non-zero  $v \in K_\alpha^s(x)$ , and  $\|T_x f^{-1}v\| < \|v\|$  for non-zero  $v \in K_\alpha^u(x)$ .

Then  $\Lambda$  is a hyperbolic set of  $f$ .

Let

$$\Lambda_\varepsilon^s = \{x \in U : d_\Lambda(f^n(x)) < \varepsilon \ \forall n\}$$

$$\Lambda_\varepsilon^u = \{x \in U : d_\Lambda(f^{-n}(x)) < \varepsilon \ \forall n\}$$

Note that both sets are contained in  $\Lambda_\varepsilon$  and  $f(\Lambda_\varepsilon^s) \subset \Lambda_\varepsilon^s$ , and  $f^{-1}(\Lambda_\varepsilon^u) \subset \Lambda_\varepsilon^u$ .

**Proposition 7.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be a hyperbolic set of  $f$  with adapted metric. Then for every  $\delta > 0$  there is  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that the distributions  $E^s$  and  $E^u$  can be extended to  $\Lambda_\varepsilon$  so that*

1.  $E^s$  is continuous on  $\Lambda_\varepsilon^s$ ,  $E^u$  is continuous on  $\Lambda_\varepsilon^u$ .
2.  $x \in \Lambda_\varepsilon \cap f(\Lambda_\varepsilon) \Rightarrow (T_x f)(E_x^s) = E_{f(x)}^s$  and  $(T_x f)(E_x^u) = E_{f(x)}^u$
3.  $\|(T_x f)(v)\| < (\lambda + \delta)\|v\|$  for every  $x \in \Lambda_\varepsilon$  and  $v \in E_x^s$ .
4.  $\|(T_x f^{-1})(v)\| < (\lambda + \delta)\|v\|$  for every  $x \in \Lambda_\varepsilon$  and  $v \in E_x^u$ .

#### 0.1.4 Stability of Hyperbolic Sets

**Proposition 8.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be a hyperbolic set of  $f : U \rightarrow M$ . There is an open set  $U(\Lambda) \supset \Lambda$  and  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that if  $K \subset U(\Lambda)$  is a compact invariant subset of a diffeomorphism  $g : U \rightarrow M$  with  $\text{dist}_1(g, f) < \varepsilon_0$ , then  $K$  is a hyperbolic set of  $g$ .*

Let  $\text{Diff}^1(M)$  be the space of  $C^1$  diffeomorphisms of  $M$  with the  $C^1$  topology.

**Corollary 3.** *The set of Anosov diffeomorphisms of a given compact manifold is open in  $\text{Diff}^1(M)$ .*

**Proposition 9.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be a hyperbolic set of  $f : U \rightarrow M$ . For every open set  $V \subset U$  containing  $\Lambda$  and every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\forall g : V \rightarrow M$  with  $\text{dist}_1(g, f) < \delta$ , there is a hyperbolic set  $K \subset V$  of  $g$  and a homeomorphism  $\chi : K \rightarrow \Lambda$  such that  $\chi$  conjugates  $f$  to  $g$  and  $\text{dist}_0(\chi, \text{Id}) < \varepsilon$ .*

A  $C^1$  diffeomorphism  $f$  of a  $C^1$  manifold is called *structurally stable* if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $g \in \text{Diff}^1(M)$  and  $\text{dist}_1(g, f) < \delta$ , then there is a homeomorphism  $h : M \rightarrow M$  conjugated  $f$  and  $g$  and  $\text{dist}_0(h, \text{Id}) < \varepsilon$ .

**Corollary 4.** *Anosov diffeomorphisms are structurally stable.*

### 0.1.5 Stable and Unstable Manifolds

For  $\delta > 0$ , let  $B_\delta$  be the ball of radius  $\delta$  at 0.

**Proposition 10** (Hadamard-Perron). *Let  $f_n : B_\delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a sequence of  $C^1$  diffeomorphisms onto their images such that  $\forall n, f_n(0) = 0$ . Suppose that for each  $n$  there is a splitting  $\mathbb{R}^m = E_n^s \oplus E_n^u$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  such that*

1.  $T_0 f_n(E_n^s) = E_{n+1}^s$  and  $T_0 f_n(E_n^u) = E_{n+1}^u$
2.  $\|T_0 f_n v^s\| < \lambda \|v^s\|$  for all  $v^s \in E_n^s$
3.  $\|T_0 f_n v^u\| > \lambda \|v^u\|$  for all  $v^u \in E_n^u$
4. The angles between  $E_n^u$  and  $E_n^s$  are uniformly bounded away from 0
5.  $(T f_n)$  are an equicontinuous family of functions  $T f_n : B_\delta \rightarrow \text{GL}_m(\mathbb{R})$ .

THEN there are  $\varepsilon > 0$  and a sequence  $\phi = (\phi_n)$  of uniformly Lipschitz continuous maps  $\phi_n : B_\varepsilon^s = E_n^s \cap B_\varepsilon \rightarrow E_n^u$  such that

1.  $\text{graph}(\phi_n) \cap B_\varepsilon = W_\varepsilon^s(n)$ , where the latter set is defined as  $\{x \in B_\varepsilon : \|f_{n+k-1} \circ \dots \circ f_{n+1} \circ f_n(x)\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty\}$
2.  $f_n(\text{graph}(\phi_n)) \subset \text{graph}(\phi_{n+1})$
3.  $x \in \text{graph}(\phi_n) \Rightarrow \|f_n(x)\| \leq \lambda \|x\| \Rightarrow f_n^k(x) \rightarrow 0$  exponentially as  $k \rightarrow \infty$
4. for  $x \in B_\varepsilon \setminus \text{graph}(\phi_n)$ ,

$$\|P_{n+1}^u f_n(x) - \phi_{n+1}(P_{n+1}^s f_n(x))\| > \lambda^{-1} \|P_n^u x - \phi_n(P_n^s x)\|$$

Where  $P_n^s$  ( $P_n^u$ ) denotes the projection onto  $E_n^s$  ( $E_n^u$ ) parallel to the other subspace

5.  $\phi_n$  is differentiable at 0,  $T_0 \phi_n 0 = 0 \Rightarrow$  the tangent plane to  $\text{graph}(\phi_n)$  is  $E_n^s$ .
6.  $\phi$  depends continuously on  $f$  in the topologies by the following distance functions:

$$d_0(\phi, \psi) = \sup_{x, n} 2^{-n} |\phi_n(x) - \psi_n(x)|$$

$$d(f, g) = \sup_n \text{dist}_1(f_n, g_n)$$

Let  $\Phi(L, \varepsilon)$  be the space of sequences  $\phi = (\phi_n)$  where  $\phi_n : B_\varepsilon^s \rightarrow E_n^u$  is Lipschitz-continuous map with Lipschitz constant  $L$  and  $\phi_n(0) = 0$ , with a metric  $d(\phi, \psi) = \sup_{n, x} |\phi_n(x) - \psi_n(x)|$ , which is complete.

We now define an operator  $F : \Phi(L, \varepsilon) \rightarrow \Phi(L, \varepsilon)$  called the *graph transform*. Let  $\phi \in \Phi(L, \varepsilon)$ . The next lemma will show that  $f_n^{-1}(\text{graph}(\phi_{n+1}))$  projected onto  $E_n^s$  covers  $E_\varepsilon^s(n)$  and  $f_n^{-1}(\text{graph}(\phi_{n+1}))$  contains the graph of a continuous function  $\psi_n : B_\varepsilon^s \rightarrow E_n^u(n)$  with Lipschitz constant  $L$ . Take  $F(\phi)_n = \psi_n$ .

**Lemma 1.** For any  $L > 0$ , there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that the graph transform  $F$  is a well-defined operator on  $\Phi(L, \varepsilon)$ .

**Lemma 2.** There are  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $L > 0$  such that  $F$  is a contracting operator.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $f : M \rightarrow M$  be a  $C^1$  diffeomorphism of a differentiable manifold and  $\Lambda$  a hyperbolic set of  $f$  with constant  $\lambda$  and adapted metric.

Then there are  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\delta > 0$  such that for every  $x^s \in \Lambda_\delta^s$  and every  $x^u \in \Lambda_\delta^u$ :

1. the sets

$$W_\varepsilon^s(x^s) = \{y \in M : \text{dist}(f^n(x^s), f^n(y)) < \varepsilon \forall n\}$$

$$W_\varepsilon^u(x^u) = \{y \in M : \text{dist}(f^{-n}(x^u), f^{-n}(y)) < \varepsilon \forall n\}$$

called the local stable manifold of  $x^s$  and the local unstable manifold of  $x^u$ , are  $C^1$  embedded disks,

2.  $T_{y^s}W_\varepsilon^s(x^s) = E_{y^s}^s$  for all  $y^s \in W_\varepsilon^s(x^s)$  and similarly for the unstable manifolds and subspaces,

3.  $f(W_\varepsilon^s(x^s)) \subset W_\varepsilon^s(f(x^s))$  and  $f^{-1}(W_\varepsilon^u(f(x^u))) \subset W_\varepsilon^u(x^u)$

4. if  $y^s, z^s \in W_\varepsilon^s(x^s)$ , then  $d^s(f(y^s), f(z^s)) < \lambda d^s(y^s, z^s)$ , where  $d^s$  is the distance along  $W_\varepsilon^s(x^s)$ , and a similar result for the local unstable manifold using the inverse map

5. if  $0 < \text{dist}(x^s, y) < \varepsilon$  and  $\exp_{x^s}^{-1}(y)$  lies in the  $\delta$ -cone  $K_\delta^u(x^s)$ , then  $\text{dist}(f(x^s), f(y)) > \lambda^{-1} \text{dist}(x^s, y)$  and if  $0 < \text{dist}(x^u, y) < \varepsilon$  and  $\exp_{x^u}^{-1}(y)$  lies in the  $\delta$ -cone  $K_\delta^s(x^u)$ , then  $\text{dist}(f(x^u), f(y)) < \lambda \text{dist}(x^s, y)$

6. if  $y^s \in W_\varepsilon^s(x^s)$ , then  $W_\alpha^s(y^s) \subset W_\varepsilon^s(x^s)$  for some  $\alpha > 0$ , and if  $y^u \in W_\varepsilon^u(x^u)$ , then  $W_\beta^u(y^u) \subset W_\varepsilon^u(x^u)$  for some  $\beta > 0$ .

Let  $\Lambda$  be a hyperbolic set of  $f : U \rightarrow M$  and  $x \in \Lambda$ . The (global) stable and unstable manifolds of  $x$  are defined by

$$W^s(x) = \{y \in M : d(f^n(x), f^n(y)) \rightarrow 0, n \rightarrow \infty\}$$

$$W^u(x) = \{y \in M : d(f^{-n}(x), f^{-n}(y)) \rightarrow 0, n \rightarrow \infty\}$$

**Proposition 11.** There is  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that for all  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_0)$  and every  $x \in \Lambda$ ,

$$W^s(x) = \bigcup_{n>0} f^{-n}(W_\varepsilon^s(f^n(x)))$$

$$W^u(x) = \bigcup_{n>0} f^n(W_\varepsilon^u(f^{-n}(x)))$$

**Corollary 5.** The global stable and unstable manifolds are embedded  $C^1$  submanifolds of  $M$  homeomorphic to unit balls in corresponding dimensions.

### 0.1.6 Inclination Lemma

Recall the definition of two submanifolds to intersect transversely.

Denote by  $B_\varepsilon^i$  the open ball of radius  $\varepsilon$  centered at 0 in  $\mathbb{R}^i$ . For  $v \in \mathbb{R}^m = \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^l$  denote by  $v^u \in \mathbb{R}^k$  and  $v^s \in \mathbb{R}^l$  the components of  $v = v^u + v^s$ , and  $\pi^u : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  the projection. For  $\delta > 0$  let  $K_\delta^u = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^m : \|v^s\| \leq \delta \|v^u\|\}$  and the stable cone  $K_\delta^s = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^m : \|v^u\| \leq \delta \|v^s\|\}$ .

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $\lambda \in (0, 1), \varepsilon > 0, \delta \in (0, 0.1)$ . Suppose  $f : B_\varepsilon^k \times B_\varepsilon^l \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\phi : B_\varepsilon^k \rightarrow B_\varepsilon^l$  are  $C^1$  maps such that:*

1. *0 is a hyperbolic fixed point of  $f$*
2.  *$W_\varepsilon^u(0) = B_\varepsilon^k \times \{0\}$  and  $W_\varepsilon^s = \{0\} \times B_\varepsilon^l$*
3.  *$\|T_x f(v)\| \geq \lambda^{-1} \|v\|$  for every  $v \in K_\delta^u$  whenever both  $x, f(x) \in B_\varepsilon^k \times B_\varepsilon^l$*
4.  *$\|T_x f(v)\| \leq \lambda \|v\|$  for every  $v \in K_\delta^s$  whenever both  $x, f(x) \in B_\varepsilon^k \times B_\varepsilon^l$*
5.  *$T_x f(K_\delta^u) \subset K_\delta^u$  whenever  $x, f(x) \in B_\varepsilon^k \times B_\varepsilon^l$*
6.  *$T_x f^{-1}(K_\delta^s) \subset K_\delta^s$  whenever  $x, f^{-1}(x) \in B_\varepsilon^k \times B_\varepsilon^l$*
7.  *$T_{(y, \phi(y))} \text{graph}(\phi) \subset K_\delta^u$  for every  $y \in B_\varepsilon^k$*

*Then for every  $n$  there is a subset  $D_n \subset B_\varepsilon^k$  diffeomorphic to  $B^k$  such that the image  $I_n$  under  $f^n$  of the graph of the restriction  $\phi|_{D_n}$  has the following properties:  $\pi^u(I_n) \supset B_{\varepsilon/2}^k$  and  $T_x I_n \subset K_{\delta\lambda^{2n}}^u$  for each  $x \in I_n$ .*

The meaning of the lemma is that the tangent planes to the image of the graph of  $\phi$  under  $f^n$  are exponentially (in  $n$ ) close to the "horizontal" space  $\mathbb{R}^k$ , and the image spreads over  $B_\varepsilon^k$  in the horizontal direction.

The next theorem, sometimes called the Lambda Lemma, implies that if  $f$  is  $C^r$  with  $r \geq 1$ , and  $D$  is any  $C^1$ -disk that intersects transversely the stable manifold  $W^s(x)$  of a hyperbolic fixed point of  $x$ , then the forwards images of  $D$  converge in the  $C^r$  topology to the unstable manifold  $W^u(x)$ . The proof only covers  $C^1$  convergence. Let  $B_R^u$  be the ball of radius  $R$  centered at  $x$  in  $W^u(x)$  in the induced metric.

**Theorem 3 (Inclination Lemma).** *Let  $x$  be a hyperbolic fixed point of a diffeomorphism  $f : U \rightarrow M$ ,  $\dim(W^u(x)) = k$  and  $\dim(W^s(x)) = l$ . Let  $y \in W^s(x)$  and suppose that  $D \ni y$  is a  $C^1$  submanifold of dimension  $k$  intersecting  $W^s(x)$  transversely at  $y$ .*

*Then for every  $R > 0$  and  $\beta > 0$  there are  $n_0$  and for each  $n \geq n_0$ , a subset  $\tilde{D} = \tilde{D}(R, \beta, n)$ ,  $y \in \tilde{D} \subset D$ , diffeomorphic to an open  $k$ -disk and such that the  $C^1$  distance between  $f^n(\tilde{D})$  and  $B_R^u$  is less than  $\beta$ .*



### 0.1.7 Horseshoes and Transverse Homoclinic Points

Let  $\mathbb{R}^> = \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^l$ . We will refer to  $\mathbb{R}^k$  and  $\mathbb{R}^l$  as the unstable and stable subspaces, respectively, and denote by  $\pi^u$  and  $\pi^s$  the projections to these spaces. For  $v \in \mathbb{R}^m$  denoted by  $v^u = \pi^u(v) \in \mathbb{R}^k$  and  $v^s = \pi^s(v) \in \mathbb{R}^l$ . For  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , call the sets  $K_\alpha^u = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^m : |v^s| \leq \alpha|v^u|\}$  and  $K_\alpha^s = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^m : |v^u| \leq \alpha|v^s|\}$  the unstable and stable cones, respectively. Let  $R^u = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^k : |x| \leq 1\}$ ,  $R^s = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^l : |x| \leq 1\}$ , and  $R = R^u \times R^s$ . For  $z = (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^l$ , the sets  $F^s(z) = \{x\} \times R^s$  and  $F^u(z) = R^u \times \{y\}$  will be called the stable and unstable fibers, respectively. We say that a  $C^1$  map  $f : R \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  has a *horseshoe* if there are  $\lambda, \alpha \in (0, 1)$  such that:

1.  $f$  is one-to-one on  $R$
2.  $f(R) \cap R$  has at least two components  $\Delta_0, \dots, \Delta_{q-1}$
3. if  $z \in R$  and  $f(z) \in \Delta_i$ ,  $0 \leq i < q$ , then the sets  $G_i^u(z) = f(F^u(z)) \cap \Delta_i$  and  $G_i^s(z) = f^{-1}(F^s(f(z))) \cap \Delta_i$  are connected, and the restriction of  $\pi^u$  to  $G_i^u(z)$  and of  $\pi^s$  to  $G_i^s(z)$  are bijective
4. if  $z, f(z) \in R$ , then the derivative  $T_z f$  preserves the unstable cones  $K_\alpha^u$  and  $\lambda|T_z f(v)| \geq |v|$  for every  $v \in K_\alpha^u$ , and the inverse  $T_{f(z)} f^{-1}$  preserves the stable cones  $K_\alpha^s$  and  $\lambda|T_{f(z)} f^{-1}(v)| \geq |v|$ .

The intersection  $\Lambda = \bigcap_{n>0} f^n(R)$  is called a *horseshoe*.

**Theorem 4.** *The horseshoe  $\Lambda = \bigcap_{n>0} f^n(R)$  is a hyperbolic set of  $f$ . If  $f(R) \cap R$  has  $q$  components, then the restriction of  $f$  to  $\Lambda$  is topologically conjugate to the full two-sided shift  $\sigma$  in the space of  $\Sigma_q$  of bi-infinite sequences in the alphabet  $\{0, 1, \dots, q-1\}$*

**Corollary 6.** *If a diffeomorphism has a horseshoe, then the topological entropy of  $f$  is positive.*

Let  $p$  be a hyperbolic fixed periodic point of a diffeomorphism  $f : U \rightarrow M$ . A point  $q$  is called *homoclinic* (for  $p$ ) if  $q \neq p$  and  $q \in W^s(p) \cap W^u(p)$ ; it is called *transverse homoclinic* (for  $p$ ) if in addition  $W^s(p)$  and  $W^u(p)$  intersect transversely at  $q$ .

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $p$  be a hyperbolic periodic point of a diffeomorphism  $f : U \rightarrow M$ , and let  $q$  be a transverse homoclinic point of  $p$ . Then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  the union of  $\varepsilon$ -neighborhoods of the orbits of  $p$  and  $q$  contains a horseshoe of  $f$ .*

### 0.1.8 Local Product Structure and Locally Maximal Hyperbolic Sets

A hyperbolic set  $\Lambda$  of  $f : U \rightarrow M$  is called *locally maximal* if there is an open set  $V$  such that  $\Lambda \subset V \subset U$  and  $\Lambda = \bigcap_{n>0} f^n(V)$ . Since every closed invariant subset of a hyperbolic set is also a hyperbolic set, the geometric structure of a

hyperbolic set may be very complicated and difficult to describe. However, due to their special properties, locally maximal hyperbolic sets allow a geometric characterization.

Since  $E_x^s \cap E_x^u = \{0\}$ , the local stable and unstable manifolds of  $x$  intersect at  $x$  transversely. By continuity, this transversality extends to a neighborhood of the diagonal in  $\Lambda \times \Lambda$ .

**Proposition 12.** *Let  $\Lambda$  be a hyperbolic set of  $f$ . For every small enough  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $x, y \in \Lambda$  and  $d(x, y) < \delta$ , then the intersection  $W_\varepsilon^s(x) \cap W_\varepsilon^u(y)$  is transverse and consists of exactly one point  $[x, y]$ , which depends continuously on  $x$  and  $y$ . Furthermore, there is  $C_p = C_p(\delta) > 0$  such that if  $x, y \in \Lambda$  and  $d(x, y) < \delta$ , then  $d^s(x, [x, y]) \leq C_p d(x, y)$  and  $d^u(x, [x, y]) \leq C_p d(x, y)$ , where  $d^s$  and  $d^u$  are distances along the stable and unstable manifolds, respectively.*

Let  $\varepsilon > 0, k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $B_\varepsilon^k \subset \mathbb{R}^k$ , and  $B_\varepsilon^l \subset \mathbb{R}^l$  be  $\varepsilon$ -balls.

**Lemma 4.** *For every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $\phi : B_\varepsilon^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^l$  and  $\psi : B_\varepsilon^l \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$  are differentiable maps and  $|\phi(x)|, \|T\phi(x)\|, |\psi(y)|, \|T\psi(y)\| < \delta$  for all  $x \in B_\varepsilon^k$  and  $y \in B_\varepsilon^l$ , then the intersection  $\text{graph}(\phi) \cap \text{graph}(\psi) \subset \mathbb{R}^{k+l}$  is transverse and consists of exactly one point, which depend continuously on  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  in the  $C^1$  topology.*

The following property of hyperbolic sets plays a major role in their geometric description and is equivalent to local maximality. A hyperbolic set  $\Lambda$  has a *local product structure* if there are (small enough)  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$  such that

1.  $\forall x, y \in \Lambda$ , the intersection  $W_\varepsilon^s(x) \cap W_\varepsilon^u(y)$  consists of at most one point, belonging to  $\Lambda$
2.  $\forall x, y \in \Lambda$  with  $d(x, y) < \delta$ , the intersection consists of exactly one point of  $\Lambda$ , denoted by  $[x, y] = W_\varepsilon^s(x) \cap W_\varepsilon^u(y)$ , and the intersection is transverse.

If a hyperbolic set  $\Lambda$  has a local product structure, then for every  $x \in \Lambda$  there is a neighborhood  $U(x)$  such that

$$U(x) \cap \Lambda = \{[y, z] : y \in U(x) \cap W_\varepsilon^s(x), z \in U(x) \cap W_\varepsilon^u(x)\}$$

**Proposition 13.** *A hyperbolic set  $\Lambda$  is locally maximal iff it has a local product structure.*

### 0.1.9 Anosov Diffeomorphisms

Recall that a  $C^1$  diffeomorphism  $f$  of a connected differentiable manifold  $M$  is called *Anosov* if  $M$  is a hyperbolic set for  $f$ ; it follows then that  $M$  is a locally maximal and compact.

An important class of Anosov diffeomorphisms is as follows: Let  $N$  be a simply connected nilpotent Lie group, and  $\Gamma$  a uniform discrete subgroup of  $N$ . The quotient  $M = N/\Gamma$  is a compact *nilmanifold*. Let  $\bar{f}$  be an automorphism

of  $N$  that preserves  $\Gamma$  and whose derivative at the identity is hyperbolic. The induced diffeomorphism  $f$  of  $M$  is Anosov. Up to finite coverings, all known Anosov diffeomorphisms are topologically conjugate to automorphisms of nil-manifolds.

The families of stable and unstable manifolds of an Anosov diffeomorphism for two foliations called the *stable foliation*  $W^s$  and unstable foliation  $W^u$ . These foliations are in general not  $C^1$ , or even Lipschitz, but they are Hölder continuous. In spite of lack of Lipschitz continuity, the stable and unstable foliations possess a uniqueness property similar to the uniqueness theorem for ordinary differential equations.

**Proposition 14.** *Let  $f : M \rightarrow M$  be an Anosov diffeomorphism. Then there are  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ ,  $C_p > 0$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $\delta > 0$  and for each  $x \in M$ , a splitting  $T_x M = E_x^s \oplus E_x^u$  such that:*

1.  $T_x f(E_x^s) = E_{f(x)}^s$  and  $T_x f(E_x^u) = E_{f(x)}^u$
2.  $\|T_x f(v^s)\| \leq \lambda \|v^s\|$  and  $T_x f^{-1}(v^u) \leq \lambda \|v^u\|$  for  $v^s \in E_x^s, v^u \in E_x^u$ .
3.  $W^s(x) = \{y \in M : d(f^n(x), f^n(y)) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty\}$  and  $d^s(f(x), f(y)) \leq \lambda d^s(x, y)$  for every  $y \in W^s(x)$
4.  $W^u(x) = \{y \in M : d(f^{-n}(x), f^{-n}(y)) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty\}$  and  $d^u(f^{-1}(x), f^{-1}(y)) \leq \lambda d^u(x, y)$  for every  $y \in W^u(x)$
5.  $f(W^s(x)) = W^s(f(x))$  and  $f(W^u(x)) = W^u(f(x))$
6.  $T_x W^s(x) = E_x^s$  and  $T_x W^u(x) = E_x^u$
7. if  $d(x, y) < \delta$ , then the intersection  $W_\varepsilon^s(x) \cap W_\varepsilon^u(y)$  is exactly one point  $[x, y]$ , which depends continuously on  $x$  and  $y$ , and  $d^s([x, y], x) \leq C_p d(x, y)$ ;  $d^u([x, y], y) \leq C_p d(x, y)$ .

A diffeomorphism is structurally stable if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$  there is a neighborhood  $\mathcal{U} \subset \text{Diff}^1(M)$  of  $f$  such that  $\forall g \in \mathcal{U}$  there is a homeomorphism  $h$  conjugating  $f$  and  $g$  and  $\text{dist}_0(h, \text{Id}) < \varepsilon$ .

**Proposition 15.** 1. *Anosov diffeomorphisms form an open (possibly empty) subset in the  $C^1$  topology.*

2. *Anosov diffeomorphisms are structurally stable.*
3. *The set of periodic points of an Anosov diffeomorphism is dense in the set of non-wandering points.*

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $f : M \rightarrow M$  be an Anosov diffeomorphism. Then TFAE:*

1.  $\text{NW}(f) = M$
2. *Every unstable manifold is dense in  $M$*

3. every stable manifold is dense in  $M$
4.  $f$  is topologically transitive
5.  $f$  is topologically mixing

### 0.1.10 Axiom A and Structural Stability

A diffeomorphism satisfies Smale's *Axiom A* if the set  $\text{NW}(f)$  is hyperbolic and  $\overline{\text{Per}(f)} = \text{NW}(f)$ .

For a hyperbolic periodic point  $p$  of  $f$ , denote by  $W^s(O(p))$  and  $W^u(O(p))$  the unions of the stable and unstable manifolds of  $p$  and its images, respectively. If  $p$  and  $q$  are hyperbolic periodic points, we write  $p \leq q$  when  $W^s(O(p))$  and  $W^u(O(q))$  have a point of transverse intersection.  $\leq$  is reflexive and transitive. If  $p \leq q$  and  $q \leq p$ , we write  $p \sim q$  and say that  $p$  and  $q$  are *heteroclinically related*. This is an equivalence relation.

**Theorem 7** (Smale's Spectral Decomposition Theorem). *If  $f$  satisfies Axiom A, then there is a unique representation of  $\text{NW}(f)$ ,*

$$\text{NW}(f) = \Lambda_1 \cup \cdots \cup \Lambda_k$$

*as a partition of closed  $f$ -invariant subsets (called basic sets) such that:*

1. each  $\Lambda_i$  is a locally maximal hyperbolic set of  $f$
2.  $f$  is topologically transitive on each  $\Lambda_i$
3. each  $\Lambda_i$  is a disjoint union of closed sets  $\Lambda_i^j, i \leq j \leq m_i$ , with  $f$  cyclically permuting the set  $\Lambda_i^j$  and  $f^{m_i}$  is topologically mixing on each  $\Lambda_i^j$ .

The basic sets are precisely the closures of the equivalence classes of  $\sim$ . For two basic sets, we write  $\Lambda_i \leq \Lambda_j$  if there are periodic points  $q \in \Lambda_j$  and  $p \in \Lambda_i$  such that  $p \leq q$ .

Let  $f$  satisfy Axiom A.  $f$  satisfies the *strong transversality condition* if  $W^s(x)$  intersects  $W^u(y)$  transversely (at all point of intersection) for all  $x, y \in \text{NW}(f)$ .

**Theorem 8.** *A  $C^1$  diffeomorphism is structurally stable iff it satisfies Axiom A and the strong transversality condition.*