

1. Hyperbolic sets and shadowing

1.1. Hyperbolic sets

Let M be a C^1 Riemannian manifold, $U \subset M$ a non-empty open subset, $f : U \mapsto f(U)$ - a C^1 diffeomorphism.

A compact f -invariant subset Λ is *hyperbolic* if $\exists \lambda \in (0, 1)$ and families of subspaces $E^\pm(x) \subset T_x M$, $x \in \Lambda$, s.t. for every $x \in \Lambda$:

- $T_x M = E^+(x) \oplus E^-(x)$;
- $\|D(f^n)(x)|_{E^+(x)}\| \leq C\lambda^n$ and $n \geq 0$;
- $\|D(f^{-n})(x)|_{E^-(x)}\| \leq C\lambda^n$ and $n \geq 0$;
- $Df(x)E^\pm(x) = E^\pm(f(x))$.

1.2. Horseshoe: an example of a hyperbolic set

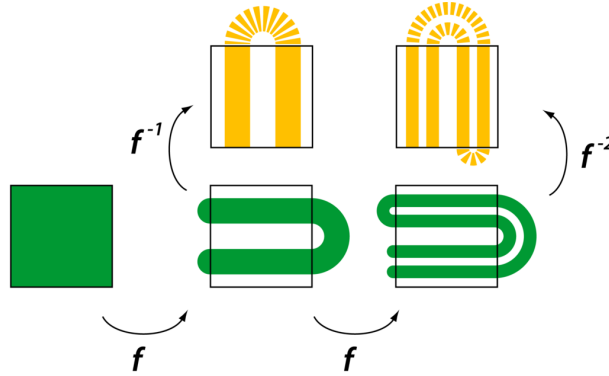


Figure 1. Generating a horseshoe.

A *rectangle* in \mathbb{R}^{k+l} will mean a set of the form $D_1 \times D_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^{k+l}$ where D_i are disks, $\pi_1 : \mathbb{R}^{k+l} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^k$ and $\pi_2 : \mathbb{R}^{k+l} \mapsto \mathbb{R}^l$ will be two orthogonal projections. \mathbb{R}^k will be called the “horizontal” direction, \mathbb{R}^l - the vertical.

Definition 1. (*Full component*) Suppose $\Delta \subset U \subset \mathbb{R}^{k+l}$ is a rectangle and $f : U \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{k+l}$ is a diffeo. A connected component $\Delta_0 = f(\Delta'_0)$ of $\Delta \cap f(\Delta)$ is called full, if

- 1) $\pi_2(\Delta'_0) = D_2$;
- 2) for any $z \in \Delta'_0$, $\pi_1|_{f(\Delta'_0 \cap (D_1 \times \pi_2(z)))}$ is a bijection onto D_1 .

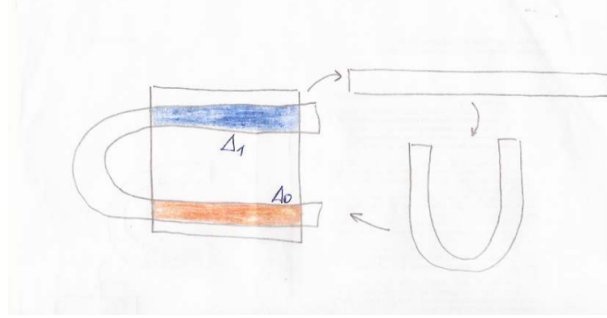


Figure 2. Two horizontal rectangles Δ_0 and Δ_1 .

Definition 2. (*Horseshoe*) If $U \subset \mathbb{R}^{k+l}$ is open then a rectangle $\Delta = D_1 \times D_2 \subset U \subset \mathbb{R}^k \oplus \mathbb{R}^l$ is called a horseshoe for a diffeo $f : U \mapsto \mathbb{R}^{k+l}$ if $\Delta \cap f(\Delta)$ contains at least two full components Δ_0 and Δ_1 such that for $\Delta' = \Delta_0 \cap \Delta_1$.

- 1) $\pi_2(\Delta') \subset \text{int}D_2$, $\pi_1(f^{-1}(\Delta')) \subset \text{int}D_1$;
- 2) $D(f|_{f^{-1}(\Delta')})$ preserves and expands a horizontal cone family on $f^{-1}(\Delta')$;
- 3) $D(f^{-1}|_{\Delta'})$ preserves and expands a vertical cone family on $f^{-1}(\Delta')$.

- Let us study the maximal invariant subset of Δ . Denote Δ_{ω_1} , $\omega_1 = 0, 1$, the two full components of $\Delta \cap f^1(\Delta)$, and $\Delta^{\omega_1} = f^{-1}(\Delta_{\omega_1})$, $\omega_1 = 0, 1$.
- The intersection $\Delta \cap f(\Delta) \cap f^2(\Delta)$ consists of four horizontal rectangles:

$$\Delta_{\omega_1\omega_2} = \Delta_{\omega_1} \cap f(\Delta_{\omega_2}) = f(\Delta^{\omega_1}) \cap f^2(\Delta^{\omega_2}),$$

$\omega_i \in \{0, 1\}$.

- Inductively, the set $\cap_{i=1}^n f^i(\Delta)$ consists of 2^n disjoint horizontal rectangles of exponentially decreasing heights.

$$\Delta_{\omega_1 \dots \omega_n} := \bigcap_{i=1}^n f^i(\Delta^{\omega_i}), \quad \omega_i \in \{0, 1\}.$$

Each infinite intersection

$$\Delta_\omega := \bigcap_{i=0}^{\infty} f^i(\Delta^{\omega_i}), \quad \omega = (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n, \dots) \in \Sigma_2^+,$$

is a horizontal fiber (a curve connecting the left and the right sides of Δ , such that the projection π_1 on the disk D_1 is a bijection).

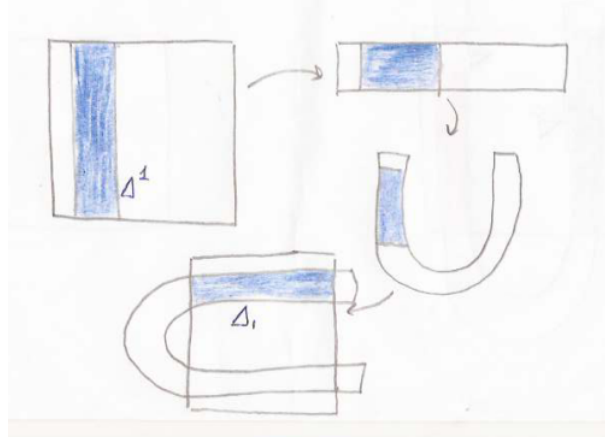


Figure 3. A vertical rectangle is a preimage of the horizontal $\Delta^1 = f^{-1}(\Delta_1)$. Therefore, it gets mapped into the horizontal Δ_1 by f .

- Similarly, the sets

$$\Delta^{\omega_{-n}\dots\omega_0} := \bigcap_{i=0}^n f^{-i}(\Delta^{\omega_{-i}}), \quad \omega_{-i} \in \{0, 1\},$$

are vertical rectangles, the sets

$$\Delta^\omega := \bigcap_{i=0}^n f^{-i}(\Delta^{\omega_{-i}}), \quad \omega = (\dots, \omega_{-n}, \dots, \omega_{-1}, \omega_0) \in \Sigma_2^+,$$

are vertical fibers.

- The intersection of any vertical fiber with the set of horizontal fibers projects to a Cantor set Λ_2 in D_2 , while the intersection of any horizontal fiber with the vertical ones projects to a Cantor set Λ_1 in D_1 :

$$\Lambda_2 := \Delta^{\dots\omega_{-n}\dots\omega_{-1},\omega_0} \cap \left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} f^i(\Delta) \right),$$

$$\Lambda_1 := \Delta_{\omega_1\dots\omega_n\dots} \cap \left(\bigcap_{i=0}^{\infty} f^{-i}(\Delta) \right).$$

- Finally, the set

$$\Lambda := \bigcap_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} f^{-i}(\Delta)$$

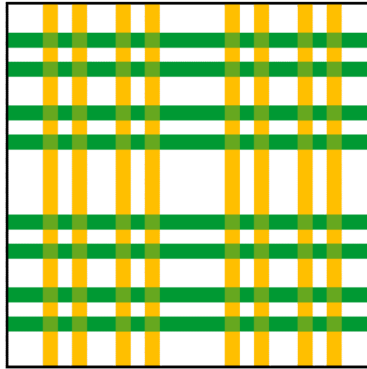


Figure 4. An approximation of the invariant hyperbolic set.

is an invariant set, equal to the product of two Cantor sets Λ_1 and Λ_2 , hence a Cantor set itself. The map $h : \Sigma_2 \mapsto \Lambda$, given by

$$h(\omega) = \bigcap_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} f^{-i}(\Delta^{\omega_i})$$

is the homeomorphism conjugating the shift $\sigma|_{\Sigma_2}$ to $f|_{\Lambda}$.

Corollary 3. *The horseshoe is a hyperbolic set. $f|_{\Lambda}$ is topologically conjugate to $\sigma|_{\Sigma_2}$.*

Proof. Hyperbolicity follows from the invariance of the cone families and stretching of the vectors inside the cones. \square

Corollary 4. *$f|_{\Lambda}$ is topologically mixing. Periodic points of f are dense in Λ , and the number of periodic points of period p is 2^p .*

For stable/unstable manifolds, horseshoe, the attractor, etc for the Hénon family check this applet.

1.3. Homoclinic and heteroclinic intersections

Definition 5. (*Homoclinic points*) Let p be a hyperbolic periodic point of a diffeo $f : U \mapsto M$. A point q is homoclinic to p if $q \neq p$ and $q \in W^s(p) \cap W^u(p)$. It is transverse homoclinic if, additionally, $W^s(p)$ and $W^u(p)$ intersect transversely at q .

Definition 6. (*Heteroclinic points*) Suppose p_1, \dots, p_k be periodic points (of possibly different periods) of $f : U \mapsto M$. Suppose $W^u(p_i)$ intersects $W^s(p_{i+1})$ at q_i , $i = 1, \dots, k$ ($p_{k+1} = p_1$). q_i are called heteroclinic points.

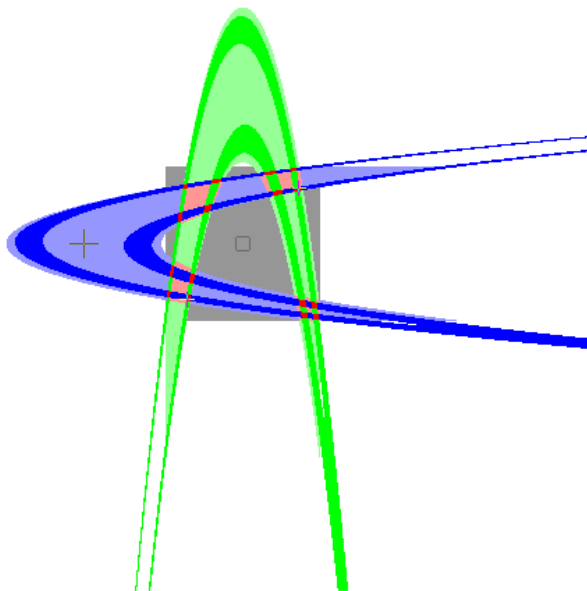


Figure 5. Horseshoe for a Hénon map, taken from this applet.

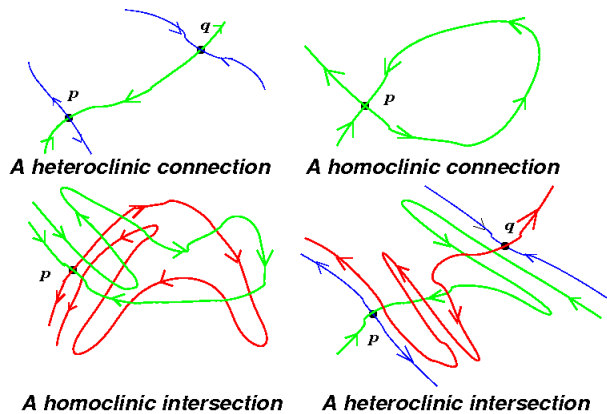


Figure 6. Some possible configurations of homoclinic/heteroclinic intersections

Theorem 7. *Let p be a hyperbolic periodic point of a diffeo $f : U \mapsto M$ and let q be a transverse homoclinic point to p . Then for every $\epsilon > 0$ the union of ϵ -neighborhoods of the orbits of p and q contains a horseshoe of f .*

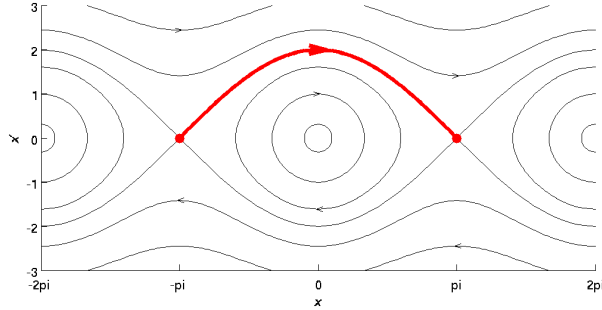


Figure 7. A heteroclinic connection in a pendulum

1.4. Shadowing

An ϵ -orbit (a pseudo-orbit) if $f : U \mapsto M$ is a finite or infinite set $\{x_n\}$ s.t. $\text{dist}(f(x_n), x_{n+1}) < \epsilon$ for all n .

Question: *When are orbits of a perturbed dynamical system ϵ -orbits of the original one? This might give us a way to conjugate the perturbed and the original systems.*

The following theorem answers this question.

Theorem 8. Shadowing Theorem *Let $\Lambda \subseteq M$ be a hyperbolic set for a C^1 -diffeo $f : M \mapsto M$ of a smooth manifold M . Then there exists a nbhd. V of Λ and a neighborhood W of f in $C^1(M, M)$ such that for all $\delta > 0$ there exists $\epsilon > 0$ s. t. for all topological spaces X , homeos $g : X \mapsto X$ and continuous maps $h_0 : X \mapsto X$ the following holds.*

If $\tilde{f} \in W$ is such that $d_{C^0}(h_0 \circ g, \tilde{f} \circ h_0) < \epsilon$ then

- 1) *(existence of a conjugacy) there is a continuous $h_1 : X \mapsto V$ s.t.*

$$h_1 \circ g = \tilde{f} \circ h_1, \text{ and } d_{C^0}(h_0, h_1) < \delta;$$

- 2) *(uniqueness of the conjugacy) $\exists \delta_0 = \delta_0(\Lambda, f) > 0$, s.t. if $h'_1 : X \mapsto V$ is a cont. map satisfying $h'_1 \circ g = \tilde{f} \circ h'_1$ and $d_{C^0}(h'_1, h_1) < \delta_0$ then $h'_1 = h_1$;*
- 3) *(continuity of the conjugacy) h_1 depends continuously on \tilde{f}*

Proof. The proof will be based on the Contraction Mapping Principle.

- 1) Set

$$\Gamma(X, h_0^*TM) = \{\xi \in C^0(X, TM) : \xi(x) \in T_{h_0(x)}M\},$$

the space of continuous vector fields field “along” h_0 , endowed with the sup. norm. Now, let V_1 be any relatively compact nbhd. of Λ .

There is $\theta = \theta(V_1, M) > 0$ such that $\mathcal{A} : B_\theta(h_0) \mapsto \Gamma(X, h_0^*TM) \subset C^0(X, V_1)$

□

Definition 9. Let (X, f) be a dyn. sys. on a metric space X . An ϵ -pseudo-orbit $\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is δ -shadowed by an orbit of $x \in X$ under f if $d_X(x_k, f^k(x)) < \delta$ for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Orbits of a hyperbolic dynamical system shadow pseudo-orbits:

Corollary 10. (Shadowing Lemma) Let Λ be a hyperbolic set for $f : U \mapsto M$. Then \exists an open nbhd $V \supset \Lambda$ s.t. for every $\delta > 0$ there is $\epsilon > 0$ so that every ϵ -pseudo-orbit in V is δ -shadowed by an orbit of f .

Furthermore, there is δ_0 s. t. if $\delta < \delta_0$ then the orbit of f shadowing the given pseudo-orbit is unique.

Proof. Take $X = \mathbb{Z}$ (with discrete topology); $g : X \mapsto X$ given by $g(k) = k + 1$; $h_0 : X \mapsto V$ given by $h_0(k) = x_k$; and $\tilde{f} = f$. By the Shadowing Theorem $\exists h_1 : X \mapsto V$ such that $h_1 \circ g = f \circ h_1$ and $d_{C^0}(h_0, h_1) < \delta$, i.e.

$$h_1(k + 1) = f(h_1(k)), \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ or } h_1(k) = f^k(x),$$

where $x = h_1(0)$, and $d(x_k, f^k(x)) < \delta$ for all $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ as requested. □

Periodic orbits of a hyperbolic dynamical system shadow pseudo-orbits “uniformly”:

Corollary 11. (Anosov Closing Lemma) Let Λ be a hyperbolic set for $f : U \mapsto M$. Then \exists an open nbhd $V \supset \Lambda$ and $C, \epsilon_0 > 0$, s.t. for every $\epsilon < \epsilon_0$ and any periodic ϵ -orbit $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_m) \subset V$, there is a point $y \in U$ s. t. $f^m(y) = y$ and $\text{dist}(f^k(y), x_k) < C\epsilon$ for $k = 0, 1, \dots, m - 1$.

Proof. Choose $X = \mathbb{Z}_m$, $g(k) = k + 1 \text{ mod } m$, $h_0(k) = x_k$ and $\tilde{f} = f$ in the Shadowing Theorem. □

Remark 12. *In particular, consider an almost periodic orbit, i.e. an orbit segment $s.t. \text{dist}(f^m(x_0), x_0) < \epsilon$ (this is a pseudo-orbit). Thus Anosov Closing Lemma implies that close to any orbit in a hyperbolic set Λ that “almost” returns to itself, there is a true periodic orbit (but not necessarily in Λ).*

Finally, the Shadowing Theorem leads to the *structural stability* of hyperbolic sets:

Theorem 13. *(Persistence of hyperbolic sets) Let $\Lambda \subseteq M$ be a hyperbolic set for a C^1 -diffeo $f : M \mapsto M$. Then there exists an open nbhd. $V \supset \Lambda$ s.t. for any C^1 diffeo $g : M \mapsto M$ sufficiently C^1 -close to f , the completely invariant set*

$$\Lambda_V^g = \bigcap_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} g^m(\bar{V})$$

is hyperbolic for g , if not empty. In particular, $\Lambda_V^f \supseteq \Lambda$ is hyperbolic.

Proof. 1) Extend the invariant splitting $T_x M = E_x^+ \oplus E_x^-$ defined for $x \in \Lambda$ to a continuous (but not nec. invariant splitting) on an open $V_1 \supset \Lambda$. Given $\gamma > 0$, let

$$H_x^\gamma := \{u + v \in T_x M \mid u \in E_x^+, v \in E_x^-, \|v\| \leq \gamma \|u\|\}$$

be the corresponding horizontal cone in $T_x M$, and let V_x^γ be the complimentary vertical cone.

2) $\exists (\lambda, \mu)$ -splitting on $\Lambda \implies$

$$\begin{aligned} Df[x](H_x^\gamma) &\subseteq H_{f(x)}^{\gamma\lambda/\mu} \subset \text{int} H_{f(x)}^\gamma \cap \{0\}, \\ (Df[x])^{-1}(V_{f(x)}^\gamma) &\subseteq V_x^{\gamma\lambda/\mu} \subset \text{int} V_x^\gamma \cap \{0\}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$u + v \in H_x^\gamma \implies \|Df[x](u + v)\| \geq \frac{\mu - \lambda\gamma}{1 + \gamma} \|u + v\|, \quad (1.1)$$

$$u + v \in (Df[x])^{-1}(V_{f(x)}^\gamma) \implies \|Df[x](u + v)\| \leq (1 + \gamma)\lambda \|u + v\|. \quad (1.2)$$

Now, by continuity, for any $\delta > 0$ we can find a rel. compact nbhd $V \subseteq V_1$ of Λ and a nbhd f in C^1 -topology s.t. (7.14) and (7.15) remain valid with μ substituted by $\mu - \delta$ and λ by $\lambda + \delta$ for all $x \in V$ and $g \in W$.

The sequence of differentials $Dg(g^m(x))$ admits a (λ', μ') splitting with

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda' &= (1 + \gamma)(\lambda + \delta), \\ \mu' &= \frac{\mu - \lambda\gamma - (1 + \gamma)\delta}{1 + \gamma}, \end{aligned}$$

and if δ and γ are small, we still have $\lambda' < 1 < \mu'$, the set Λ_V^g is hyperbolic for g . \square

Theorem 14. (*Structural stability of hyperbolic sets*) Let $\Lambda \subseteq M$ be a hyperbolic set for C^1 diffeomorphism $f : M \mapsto M$ of a smooth manifold M . Then for every open nbhd. V of Λ and every $\eta > 0$ there exists a nbhd. W of f in $C^1(M, M)$ such that for all diffeomorphisms $\tilde{f} \in W$ there is a hyperbolic set $\tilde{\Lambda} \subset V$, and a homeomorphism $H : \Lambda \mapsto \tilde{\Lambda}$ with

$$h \circ f = \tilde{f} \circ h$$

on Λ and $d_{C^0}(\text{id}, h) + d_{C^0}(\text{id}, h^{-1}) < \eta$. Furthermore, h is unique if δ is small enough.

Proof.

i) Apply the Shadowing Theorem taking $\delta < \min\{\delta_0, \eta/2\}$, $X = \Lambda$, $h_0 = \text{id}_\Lambda$ and $g = f$. Get a nbhd $V_1 \subset V$ of Λ , and a nbhd W_1 of f , such that $d_{C^0}(\tilde{f}, f) < \epsilon$ for all $\tilde{f} \in W_1$, and a unique $h_1 : \Lambda \mapsto V_1$ such that $h_1 \circ f = \tilde{f} \circ h_1$ and $d_{C^0}(\text{id}_\Lambda, h_1) < \delta$.

In particular, $\tilde{\Lambda} = h_1(\Lambda)$ is completely \tilde{f} -invariant and hyperbolic by Theorem 48 (after, possibly, a shrinking of W_1).

ii) To prove that h_1 is injective, we apply the Shadowing Theorem again taking δ as before, $X = \tilde{\Lambda}$ and $h_0 := \text{id}_{\tilde{\Lambda}}$ and $g = \tilde{f}$, we get the same nbhd W_1 as soon as ϵ is small. Then we have a unique $h_2 : \tilde{\Lambda} \mapsto V$ s.t. $h_2 \circ \tilde{f} = f \circ h_2$ and $d_{C^0}(\text{id}_{\tilde{\Lambda}}, h_2) < \delta$.

iii) To end the proof, it is sufficient to show that $h_2 \circ h_1 = \text{id}_\Lambda$. We apply again the Shadowing Theorem with $X = \Lambda$, $h_0 = \text{id}_\Lambda$ and $g = \tilde{f} = f$. Since

$$d_{C^0}(\text{id}_\Lambda, h_2 \circ h_1) \leq d_{C^0}(\text{id}_\Lambda, h_1) + d_{C^0}(h_1, h_2 \circ h_1) = d_{C^0}(\text{id}_\Lambda, h_1) + d_{C^0}(\text{id}_{\tilde{\Lambda}}, h_2) < 2\delta < \delta_0,$$

we can apply the uniqueness statement in the Shadowing Theorem to get

$$h_2 \circ h_1 = \text{id}_\Lambda,$$

because they both commute with f and are close to h_1 . □