

POSITIVE TOPOLOGICAL ENTROPY FOR GENERIC GEODESIC FLOWS

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GEODESIC FLOW

M closed C^∞ manifold [compact, connected, $\partial M = \emptyset$]

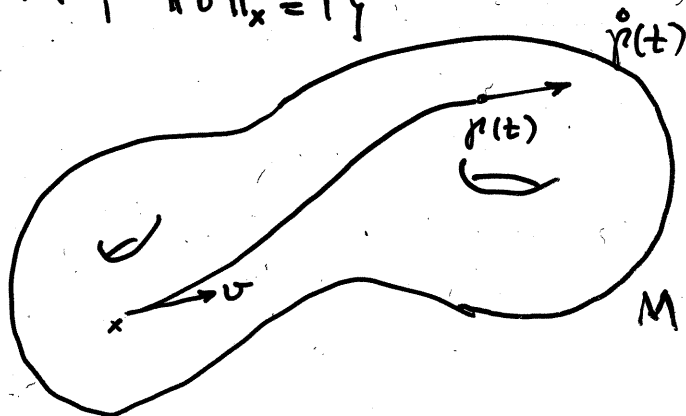
$g = \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_x$ C^∞ riemannian metric on M .

Unit tangent bundle = sphere bundle of (M, g)

$$SM = \{ (x, v) \in TM \mid \|v\|_x = 1 \}$$

$$\pi: SM \rightarrow M$$

$$(x, v) \mapsto x$$



$$(x, v) \in SM$$

$$\gamma: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$$

geodesic s.t. $\gamma(0) = x, \dot{\gamma}(0) = v$

"locally length
minimizing curve
with $|\dot{\gamma}| \equiv 1$ "

Geodesic Flow

$$\phi_t: SM \rightarrow SM$$

$$(x, v) \mapsto (\gamma(t), \dot{\gamma}(t))$$

TOPOLOGICAL ENTROPY

① Measures the "complexity" of the orbit structure of the flow.

Measures the difficulty in predicting the position of an orbit given an approximation of its initial state.

Dynamic Ball: $\theta \in SM, \epsilon, T > 0$

$$B(\theta, \epsilon, T) = \{w \in SM \mid d(\phi_t \theta, \phi_t w) \leq \epsilon, \forall t \in [0, T]\}$$

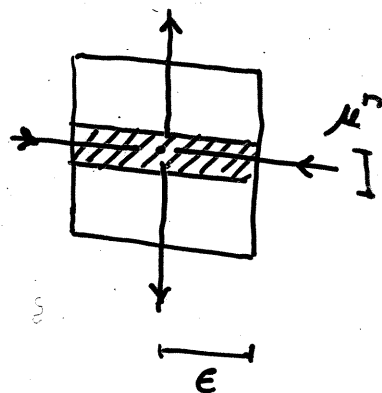
↑ points whose orbit stay near the orbit of θ for times in $[0, T]$

$N_\epsilon(T) := \min \{\# \mathcal{B} \mid \mathcal{B} \text{ cover of } SM \text{ by } (\epsilon, T)\text{-dyn. balls}\}$

$$h_{\text{top}}(g) := \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \log N_\epsilon(T).$$

$$N_\epsilon(T) \sim e^{h_{\text{top}} \cdot T}$$

If $h_{\text{top}} > 0$ some dynamic balls must contract exponentially at least in one direction



② For C^∞ Riemannian metrics

Mañé

$$h_{\text{top}}(g) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \log \int_{M \times M} n_T(x, y) dx dy$$

$n_T(x, y) := \# \{ \text{geod. arcs } x \rightarrow y \text{ of length } \leq T \}$

$h_{\text{top}} > 0 \Rightarrow$ positive measure of (x, y)
s.t. $n_T(x, y)$ is exponentially large.

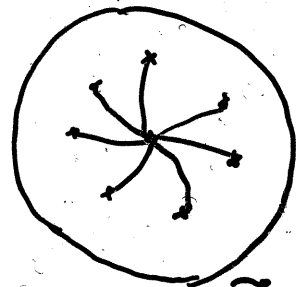
TOPOLOGY \Rightarrow Some manifolds have always $h_{\text{top}}(g) > 0$

• Dinaburg: $\pi_1(M)$ exponential growth
 $\Rightarrow h_{\text{top}} > 0$

[# dyn balls grows expo]

Also if

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{R} \log \text{Vol}(\tilde{B}(x, R)) > 0$$



"volume entropy"

• Paternain - Petean: If $H_*(\text{Loop Space}, x)$
grows exponentially $\Rightarrow h_{\text{top}} > 0$.

GEOMETRY

sectional curvatures $K < 0 \Rightarrow \not\equiv$ Anosov $\Rightarrow h_{\text{top}} > 0$
 $K > 0$ not clear.

If the geod. flow ϕ_t contains a "horseshoe"
 = a non-trivial hyperbolic basic set
 $\Rightarrow h_{\text{top}}(g) > 0.$

\exists hyperbolic periodic orbit
 with transversal homo- clinic point. $\iff \exists$ horseshoe.

$\mathcal{R}^2(M) := C^\infty$ riemannian metrics on M
 with the C^2 topology

THEOREM

$\dim M \geq 2$

$\exists U \subset \mathcal{R}^2(M)$ open and dense s.t.

$g \in U \Rightarrow \phi_t^g$ has a horseshoe.

Previous Work:

- Proved for $\dim M = 2$ Paternain & C. JDG 2002
- $\dim M = 2$ & C^∞ topology Knieper & Weiss JDG 2002

Application:

A. Delshams, R. de la Llave, T. Seara:

Initial system that allows Arnold's diffusion
 by perturbation with generic non-autonomous
 potentials.

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Comparison with other systems:

1. General Hamiltonian Systems

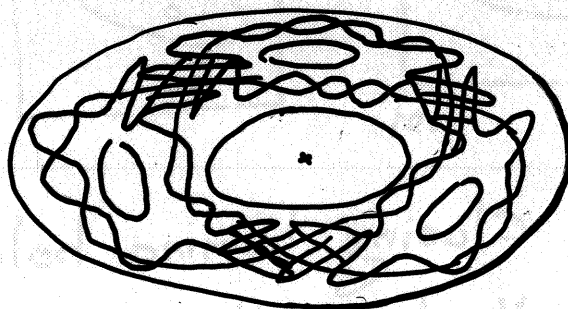
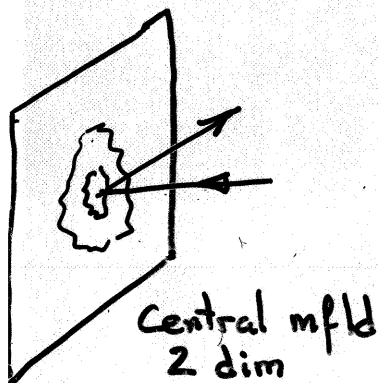
5. Newhouse: (M^{2n}, ω) closed symplectic manifold
 $\exists \mathcal{R} \subset C^2(M, \mathbb{R})$ residual set.

$H \in \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow$ Hamiltonian flow of H $\begin{cases} \text{Anosov} \\ \text{Has a generic } 1\text{-elliptic periodic orbit} \end{cases}$

1-elliptic = 2 (elliptic) eigenvalues of modulus 1
1 eigenvalue $\lambda = 1$ (direct. of Ham. vect. field)
1 eigenvalue $\lambda = -1$ (\perp direct. to energy level)
 $2n-4$ hyperbolic eigenvalues.

In this case:

Poincaré map restricted to energy level
is Twist map \times normally hyperbolic.

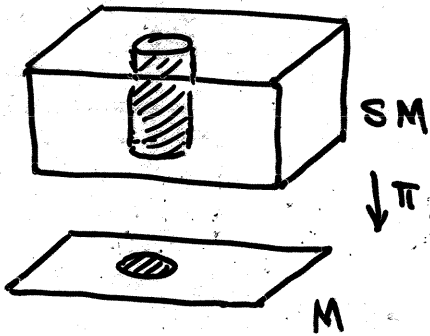


\Rightarrow homoclinic orbits

Newhouse thm uses the closing lemma.

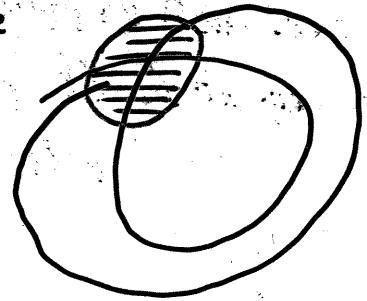
Closing Lemma is not known for geodesic flows.

reason: Proof uses local perturbations.



Perturbations of riemannian metrics $g_{ij}(x)$ are never local in phase space = SM .

"the orbit to close could have passed through the cylinder before coming back"

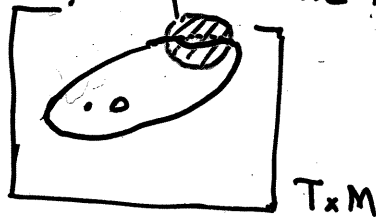
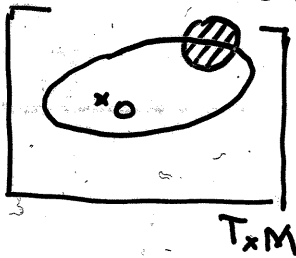


Newhouse theorem for geodesic flows is only known for $M = S^2$ or RP^2

ETDS 2004.

General Finsler Metrics

= norm $\| \cdot \|_x$ on tangent spaces $T_x M$
 unit sphere does not need to be symmetric
 (or a level set of a quadratic form)



- Closing Lemma holds
- Newhouse theorem should hold.

INGREDIENTS OF THE PROOF

① Kupka - Smale Theorem (for Geod. Flows)

M^{n+1}

$$J_s^k(n) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} k\text{-Jets of symplectic} \\ \text{diffeos } f: (\mathbb{R}^{2n}, 0) \rightarrow \end{array} \right\}$$

$Q \subset J_s^k(n)$ is invariant iff

$$\sigma Q \sigma^{-1} = Q \quad \forall \sigma \in J_s^k(n)$$

$\mathcal{R}^r(M) = C^\infty$ riem. metrics on M with C^r topology

Theorem

If $Q \subset J_s^k(n)$ is open, dense and invariant

$\Rightarrow \forall r \geq k+1 \exists \mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{R}^r(M)$ residual s.t.

(a) [Anosov, Klingenberg-Takens]

Poincaré maps of all periodic orbits of $\phi|_{\mathcal{G}}$ are in Q .

(b) All heteroclinic intersections are transversal.

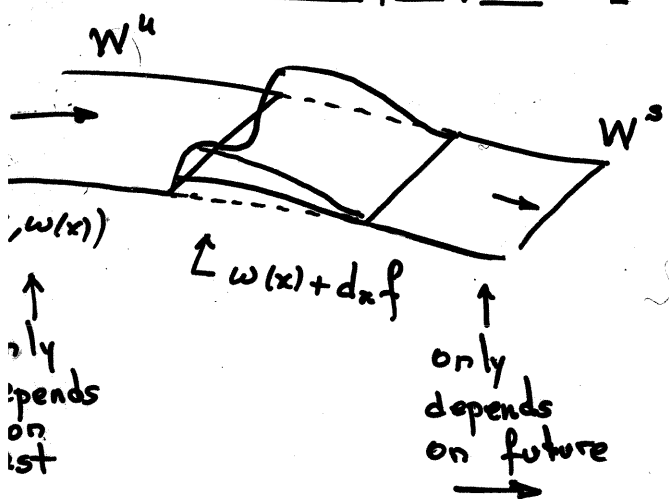
OBS:

(a) Also holds for Q residual and invariant.

(b): Donnay for $n=2$, Petroll $n > 2$ show how to perturb a single non-transverse intersection.

But perhaps this is not enough.

Simple Proof of (b) [M inters.]:



- W^s is Lagrangian in (T^*M, ω_0)
- Choose place where is locally a lagrangian graph
- Deform to another lagrangian graph (by adding a $dx f$)
 $\omega_0 = dp \wedge dx$ fixed canonical sympl. form.
- Change metric s.t.
 $H(\text{new } W^s) = 1$

\Rightarrow New W^s is invariant.

2) Elliptic Fixed Points

Symplectic Diffeomorphism $F: (\mathbb{R}^{2n}, 0) \rightarrow$
 will be Poincaré map of closed orbit.
 elliptic periodic point := non-hyperbolic.
 If q -elliptic $\Rightarrow \exists 2q$ -dim. central manifold which is normally hyperbolic.

We choose $Q \subset J_s^3(n)$: 3-Jets of sympl. C^∞ diffeos

$$F: (\mathbb{R}^{2n}, 0) \rightarrow \dots$$

s.t. map restricted to central manifold

is "weakly monotonous" twist map.

i.e. (a) Elliptic eigenvalues $\rho_1, \dots, \rho_q, \bar{\rho}_1, \dots, \bar{\rho}_q$ are 4-elementary:

$$1 \leq \sum_{i=1}^q |\nu_i| \leq 4 \implies \prod_{i=1}^q \rho_i^{\nu_i} \neq 1$$

(b) Birkhoff normal form

$$Z_k = e^{2\pi i \phi_k} + f_k(z)$$

$$\phi_k = a_k + \sum_{l=1}^q \beta_{kl} |z_l|^2$$

satisfies $\det[\beta_{kl}] \neq 0$.

Using techniques of Moser, Herman, M.C. Arnaud

Theorem:

If $F: (\mathbb{R}^{2n}, 0) \rightarrow$ germ of sympl. diffeo

s.t. (a) F is Q -Kupka-Smale.

(b) 0 is elliptic fixed point.

$\implies F$ has a 1-elliptic periodic point.

In particular, F has a \mathbb{T} homoclinic orbit.

③ Rademacher Theorem

$\exists \mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{R}^\infty(M)$ Residual set s.t.

$g \in \mathcal{D} \Rightarrow (M, g)$ has infinitely many
prime closed geodesics.

Moreover, one can take

$\mathcal{D} = \text{bumpy metrics} = \text{eigenvalues of Poincaré maps are not roots of } 1.$

④ Theory of Dominated Splittings [Mañé]

"If one can not perturb in C^2 topology
to create an elliptic periodic orbit
 \Rightarrow closure of hyperbolic per. orbits
is uniformly hyperbolic."

[\Rightarrow (spectral
Decomposition
Thm) contains a horseshoe]

Theory of Dominated Splittings

$Sp(n) :=$ symplectic linear isom. of \mathbb{R}^{2n}

sequence $\xi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow Sp(n)$ is periodic if $\left. \begin{array}{l} \exists m \quad \xi_{i+m} = \xi_i \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{Z} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{will be} \\ \text{time 1} \\ \text{Poincaré map} \end{array}$

A Periodic sequence ξ is hyperbolic if $\prod_{i=1}^m \xi_i$ is hyperbolic.

Family of periodic sequences $\xi = \{\xi^\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$
is bounded if $\exists B > 0 \quad \|\xi_i^\alpha\| < B \quad \forall i \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall \alpha \in A$
is hyperbolic if ξ^α is hyp. $\forall \alpha \in A$.

Families $\xi = \{\xi^\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$, $\eta = \{\eta^\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ are
periodically equivalent iff $\forall \alpha \quad \xi^\alpha, \eta^\alpha$ have same periods.

Families ξ, η period. equiv. define

$$\|\xi - \eta\| := \sup \{ \|\xi_n^\alpha - \eta_n^\alpha\| : \alpha \in A, n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

This determines how to perturb:
up to a fixed amount in each
time 1 - Poincaré map.

\Rightarrow Following theorem would be useful
only in C^1 -topology of flow
 $= C^2$ -topology of metric (or Hamiltonian)

Family ξ is stably hyperbolic iff

$\exists \epsilon > 0$ s.t. If η family period. equiv. to ξ
 $\|\eta - \xi\| < \epsilon \Rightarrow \eta$ is hyperbolic.

Family ξ is uniformly hyperbolic iff

$\exists M > 0$ s.t.

$$\left\| \prod_{i=0}^M \xi_{i+j}^a \Big|_{E_j^s(z^a)} \right\| < \frac{1}{2}, \quad \left\| \left(\prod_{i=0}^M \xi_{i+j}^a \Big|_{E_j^u(z^a)} \right)^{-1} \right\| < \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\forall a \in A, \forall j \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Theorem

ξ Bounded periodic family
is stably hyperbolic

$\Rightarrow \xi$ uniformly hyperbolic.

Remark:

- Families in $Sp(n)$: stably hyp \Rightarrow unif. hyp.
- Families in $GL(\mathbb{R}^n)$: stably hyp \Rightarrow dominated splitting

i.e.

$$\left\| \prod_{i=0}^M \xi_{i+j}^a \Big|_{E^s} \right\| \cdot \left\| \left(\prod_{i=0}^M \xi_{i+j}^a \Big|_{E^u} \right)^{-1} \right\| < \frac{1}{2}$$

⑥ Perturbation Lemma: "Franks Lemma".

Example: Statement for Diffeos $f: M \rightarrow M$.

$\exists \epsilon_0 > 0 \quad \forall \epsilon \in [0, \epsilon_0] \quad \exists \delta > 0$ s.t. if

$\mathcal{F} = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\} \subset M$ any finite set

U any neighbourhood of \mathcal{F}

$A_i \in L(T_{x_i}M, T_{f(x_i)}M)$ "candidate for Df "

$\|Df(x_i) - A_i\| < \epsilon$

$\Rightarrow \exists g \in \text{Diff}(M)$ s.t.

$g|_{M \setminus U} = f|_{M \setminus U}$

$g(x_i) = f(x_i) \quad \forall x_i \in \mathcal{F}$

$Dg(x_i) = A_i$

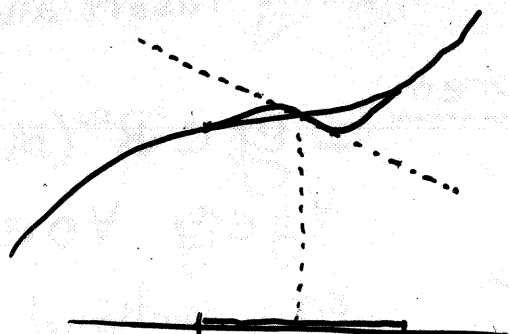
$\|f - g\|_{C^1} < \delta$



arbitrarily small support

no size problem as in closing lemma.

Example: dimension 1



U arbit. small.

Analogous for geodesic flows:

realize any perturbation in $Sp(n)$ of a fixed distance of the derivative of the Poincaré map of any geodesic segment of length 1

- fixing the geodesic
- With support in an arbitrarily narrow strip U
- Outside small neighb. of given finitely many transversal segments

By a metric which is C^2 close.



The perturbation is done on nbhd of one point.

Following result allowed to pass from $\dim 2$ to $\dim n \geq 2$

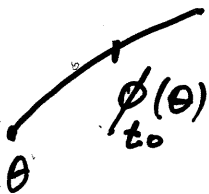
Theorem

$\exists \mathcal{O} \subset \mathcal{R}^\infty(M)$ residual s.t.
 $\forall g \in \mathcal{O} \quad \forall \theta \in SM \quad \exists t_0 \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$

s.t. sectional curvature matrix

$$K_{ij}(\theta) = \langle R(\theta, e_i)\theta, e_j \rangle$$

has no repeated eigenvalues.



The Perturbation Lemma

Derivative of the geodesic flow

$$d\phi_t(J(0), \dot{J}(0)) = (J(t), \dot{J}(t))$$

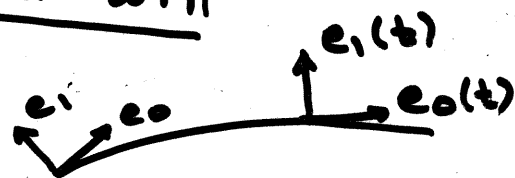
$J(t)$ = Jacobi field orthogonal to the geodesic $\gamma = \pi_0 \phi_t(\theta)$.

Jacobi Equation: $\ddot{J} + K(t)J = 0$

$$K(u, v) = \langle R(u, \dot{\gamma})v, \dot{\gamma} \rangle$$

① Can change the Jacobi eq. at will

Use Fermi coordinates:



$e_0 = \dot{\gamma}$, e_1, \dots, e_n = parallel transp. of orthonormal basis along γ .

$$F(t=x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) = \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i e_i(t)\right)$$

↑ exp for a fixed initial metric g_0

Our general perturbation of the metric g^0 is:

$$g_{00}(t, x) = [g^0(t, x)]_{00} + \sum_{i, j=1}^n \alpha_{ij}(t, x) x_i x_j$$

$$g_{ij}(t, x) = [g^0(t, x)]_{ij} \quad \text{if } (i, j) \neq (0, 0)$$

This perturbation:

- (1) Preserves the geodesic γ .
- (2) Preserves the metric along γ .
(orthogonal vect. fields along γ are still \perp)
- (3) Changes the curvature along γ by
$$K(t) = K_0(t) - \alpha(t, x)$$
- (4) If the perturbation term is
$$x^* \alpha x = \varphi(x) x^* P(t) x$$

and $\text{supp}(\varphi)$ is sufficiently small
 \uparrow bump funct. in x_1, \dots, x_n
$$\Rightarrow \|x^* \alpha x\|_{C^2} \sim \|P(t)\|_{C^0}$$

(2) Estimate the perturbation in the solutions of the Jacobi equation.

$$\ddot{J} + K(t)J = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} J \\ \dot{J} \end{bmatrix}' = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ -K & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_A \begin{bmatrix} J \\ \dot{J} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{X} = AX, \quad X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

$$X(0) = I \Rightarrow X(t) = d\phi_t \leftarrow \text{Fundamental solution}$$

OBS:

- Can only perturb on K not on whole matrix A
- Only perturbations $K \mapsto K + \alpha$

[because it was $x^* \alpha x$]

$\uparrow \uparrow$ symmetric matrices

The solutions X are symplectic linear maps

$$Sp(n) = \{ X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \mid X^* J X = J \}, \quad J = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ -I & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_x Sp(n) = \{ X Y \mid Y^* J + J Y = 0 \}$$

$$= \left\{ X Y \mid Y = \begin{bmatrix} \beta & \gamma \\ \alpha & -\beta^* \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \alpha, \beta \text{ symmetric} \\ \gamma \text{ arbitrary} \end{array} \right\}$$

We will use

$$x^* \cdot x = h(t) \varphi(x) x^* T(t) x$$

$\varphi(x)$ = bump function in \mathbb{R}^n

$h(t)$ = approximation of characteristic function of $[0,1] \setminus F^{-1}(J)$

i.e. $0 \leq h(t) \leq 1$, $\text{supp}(h) \cap (\text{intersecting points}) = \emptyset$
 $\int_0^1 h \geq 1 - \epsilon$



[only $\|h\|_{C^0} \leq 1$ counts if $\text{supp}(\varphi)$ small]

$$T(t) = a \delta(t) + b \delta'(t) + c \delta''(t) + d \delta'''(t)$$

$$a, b, c, d \in \text{Sym}(n \times n) = \mathcal{S}(n) \quad \text{tr} = 0 \quad \mathcal{S}^*(n)$$

$\delta(t)$ = approximation of Dirac δ at some point Z near $\frac{1}{2}$ where $K(t)$ has no repeated eigenvalues:

$$\min_{i \neq j} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j| > \eta = \eta(Z) > 0$$

↑ nbhd of Z_0

Strategy:

Think on 1-parameter family of metrics $s \mapsto g_s$

$$s \mapsto K_s(t) = K(t) + s \alpha(t)$$

$$s \mapsto X_s(t) = d\phi_t^s$$

$$\alpha(t) = \alpha(t, E)$$

$$E = (a, b, c, d) \in \mathcal{S}(n)^3 \times \mathcal{S}^*(n)$$

same dim as $\text{sym}(n \times n) \uparrow$
 $T_x \text{Sp}(n)$

\uparrow
 $\text{sym}(n \times n)$
 $\text{diag} \equiv 0$

Take the derivative

$$Z_s = \frac{dX_s}{ds} = \frac{d}{ds} (d\phi_t^s)$$

Prove that

$$\|Z_s(\perp)\| \geq k \|E\| \sim k \|x^* \alpha x\|_{C^2}$$

with $k = k(U)$

uniform for every geod. segment of length \perp and $\forall g \in U$

$$\Rightarrow \{d\phi_t^s | g \in U\}$$

covers a neighbourhood of
the original linearized Poincaré
map $d\phi_t^s$ of size depending only
on the C^2 norm of the perturbation

Derivative of the Jacobi equation

$$\dot{X}_s = A_s X_s$$

$$Z = \frac{dX_s}{ds}, \quad A_s = A + sB, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ I(t) & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\dot{Z} = AZ + B$$

$$I(t) = a\delta(t) + b\delta'(t) + \dots$$

"variation of parameters": $Z = XY$

$$X \dot{Y} = BX$$

$$Y(t) = \int_0^t X^{-1} B X$$

$$Z(s) = X(s) \int_0^s X^{-1} B(t) X dt$$

Integrating by parts:

$$\int_0^s X^{-1} B(t) X dt \approx$$

$$\approx X^{-1} \left\{ [a] + \begin{bmatrix} b \\ -b \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -(Kc+cK) & -2c \\ 3Kd+dK & \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} -Kd-3dK \\ 3Kd+dK \end{bmatrix} \right\} X$$

want this to cover $\begin{bmatrix} \beta & \gamma \\ \alpha & -\beta^* \end{bmatrix}$ ↖ arbitrary

↑ symmetric, not arbitrary

To solve

$$b - (Kd + 3dK) = \beta$$

↑ sym ↑ sym ↖ arbitrary

is equiv. to solve

$$Ke - eK = f$$

↑ sym ↖ antisym

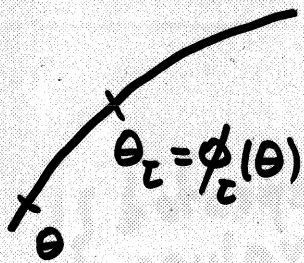
may not have solution

unless K has no repeated eigenvalue

A generic condition on the curvature

Theorem

$\exists \mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{R}^\infty(M)$ residual s.t.
 $\forall \mathcal{G} \in \mathcal{G} \quad \forall \theta \in SM \quad \exists z \in [0, 1/2]$
 s.t. the Jacobi matrix
 $K_{ij}(\theta_z) = \langle R(\theta_z, e_i)\theta_z, e_j \rangle$
 has no repeated eigenvalue.



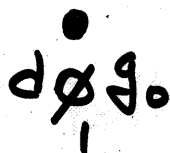
• Why need this and not just a preliminary perturbation?

preliminary perturb.
to separate the
eigenvalues

Franks lemma
depends on amount of
separation of e.v.'s

\mathcal{G}_0

\mathcal{G}_1



↑ Franks Lemma
on \mathcal{G}_1

Strategy: Use a transversality argument.

Know: can perturb Jacobi matrix (curvature) at will.

$$\Sigma = \{ A \in \text{Sym}(n \times n) \mid A \text{ has repeated eigenvalues} \}$$

$S(n)$

it is an algebraic set with singularities

$$A \in \Sigma \iff \det P_A(A) = \prod (\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2 = 0.$$

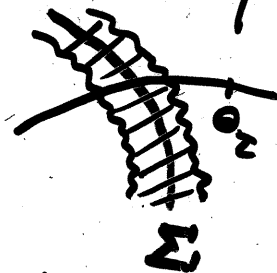
Enough to show that geodesic vector field "crosses Σ transversally".

\uparrow $P_A(x) = \det [xI - A]$

Example:



- Flow in \mathbb{R}^2 without sing.
- $\Sigma = S'$



- Can ask that a chosen orbit segment is $\bar{\cap} S'$ but not all.
- Can ask that tangency is not of order 2.

If Σ were a smooth manifold:

$J^k \Sigma = k$ -jets of curves inside Σ .

$$\dim J^k \Sigma = (k+1) \dim \Sigma$$

coefs Taylor series $t \mapsto a_0 + a_1 t + \dots + a_k t^k$
in local chart $a_i \in \mathbb{R}^\sigma, \sigma = \dim \Sigma$

$$\dim J^k S(n) = (k+1) \dim S(n)$$

$$\text{codim}_{S(n)} \Sigma = r \geq 1$$

$$\text{codim}_{J^k S(n)} J^k \Sigma = (k+1)r \rightarrow \infty$$

when $k \rightarrow \infty$

$$F: \mathcal{R}^\infty(M) \times SM \times]0,1[\rightarrow J^k S(n)$$

$$(g, \theta, \tau) \mapsto J_\tau^k K(g, \theta)$$

\uparrow \uparrow
 k-jet at $t = \tau$ Jacobi matrix

If $F \not\subset J^k \Sigma$

$\Rightarrow \exists$ residual $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{R}^\infty(M)$ s.t.

$$g \in \mathcal{G} \Rightarrow F(g, \cdot, \cdot) \subset J^k \Sigma.$$

k large $\Rightarrow \text{codim } J^k \Sigma > \dim(SM \times]0,1[)$

$\bar{M} \Rightarrow$ no intersection

+ compactness argument \Rightarrow required bounds on eigenvalues

use $\min_{\theta \in SM} \max_{t \in]0,1[} \prod |\lambda_i - \lambda_j|^2 > 0$ when \bar{M}

But Σ has singularities

Algebraic Jet space

$\mathcal{L}_k(\Sigma) =$ polynoms $a_0 + a_1 t + \dots + a_k t^k = p(t)$
s.t. $f \circ p(t) \equiv 0 \pmod{t^{k+1}}$

Arc space

$\mathcal{L}_\infty(\Sigma) =$ formal power series $p(t)$
s.t. $f \circ p \equiv 0$

$\pi_k : \mathcal{L}_\infty(\Sigma) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_k(\Sigma)$ truncation

$\mathcal{L}_k(\Sigma)$ is an algebraic variety.

$\pi_k(\mathcal{L}_\infty(\Sigma)) \subset \mathcal{L}_k(\Sigma)$ is a finite union of algebraic subsets.
(it is "constructible")

$J^k \Sigma = k$ -jets of C^∞ curves in Σ

$\Rightarrow J^k \Sigma \subset \pi_k(\mathcal{L}_\infty(\Sigma)) \subset \mathcal{L}_k(\Sigma)$.

Denef & Loeser:

$\dim \pi_k(\mathcal{L}_\infty(\Sigma)) \leq (k+1) \dim \Sigma$.
(same bound as in smooth case).

