

Homoclinic classes and equilibrium states

Lecture 1 – Homoclinic classes: general properties

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Dynamics of diffeomorphisms

M : a compact boundaryless connected manifold,
 f : a C^r -diffeomorphism, $r > 1$.

Goal: Describe the orbits $\{f^n(x)\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$.

Steps:

- decompose the system (identify attractors, invariant pieces,...),
- analyze each piece (eg. build a coding),
- study limit behaviors (invariant measures, speed of convergence,...),
- ...

This is well understood for uniformly hyperbolic diffeomorphisms.

What about general diffeomorphisms?

Program:

- *Lecture 1:* decomposition of the dynamics,
- *Lecture 2:* the case of surfaces,
- *Lecture 3:* coding,
- *Lecture 4:* limit measures.

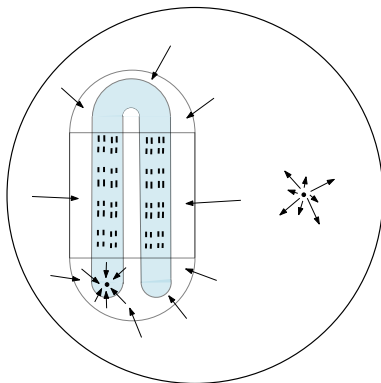
Uniformly hyperbolic diffeomorphisms

Hyperbolic diffeomorphisms (1): definition

f is *hyperbolic* if for any $x \in M$, one of the following holds:

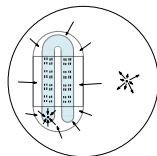
- *no recurrence*: there is U open s.t. $f(\bar{U}) \subset U$ and $x \in U \setminus f(U)$,
- *hyperbolicity*: there is $N \geq 1$ and $T_x M = E^s \oplus E^u$ s.t. for $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$, $k \geq 1$,

$$\|Df^{kN}|_{Df^\ell(E^s)}\| \leq 2^{-k}, \quad \|Df^{-kN}|_{Df^\ell(E^u)}\| \leq 2^{-k}.$$



Hyperbolic diffeomorphisms (2): decomposition

f : a hyperbolic diffeomorphism



Smale's spectral decomposition. *The set $\Omega(f)$ of points which are not trapped is a finite disjoint union*

$$\Omega(f) = K_1 \cup \dots \cup K_\ell$$

of sets K_i which are compact, invariant, and transitive:

for any balls U, V of K , $f^k(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$, for some $k \geq 1$.

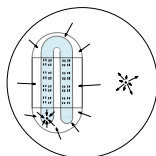
The sets K_i are called **basic sets** of f .

Remark. There is a finer decomposition $K_i = A \cup f(A) \cup \dots \cup f^{m-1}(A)$ s.t. A is preserved by f^m and *topologically mixing*:

*for any balls U, V of K , $f^{km}(U) \cap V \neq \emptyset$ for **all** large k .*

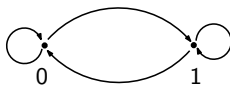
Hyperbolic diffeomorphisms (3): coding

f : a hyperbolic diffeomorphism



Markov partition (Adler-Weiss, Sinai, Bowen). For each basic set K , there are a symbolic system (Σ, σ) and $\pi: \Sigma \rightarrow K$ continuous s.t.

- Σ : space of itineraries (a_n) on a finite oriented connected graph,
- $\sigma: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$ is the shift map $(a_n) \mapsto (a_{n+1})$,
- $\pi: \Sigma \rightarrow K$ is surjective and semiconjugates: $f \circ \pi = \pi \circ \sigma$,
- each preimage $f^{-1}(x)$ is finite.



Hyperbolic diffeomorphisms (4): invariant measures

f : a hyperbolic diffeomorphism

\mathcal{M} : space of probabilities μ that are invariant, $f_*(\mu) = \mu$.

μ is ergodic if for any A invariant measurable set, $\mu(A) = 0$ or 1 .

Physical measures. (Sinai, Ruelle, Bowen).

There exists finitely many ergodic probabilities ν_1, \dots, ν_J , s.t.

for Lebesgue almost every $x \in M$ and every continuous $\varphi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

$\frac{1}{n}(\varphi(x) + \varphi \circ f(x) + \dots + \varphi \circ f^{n-1}(x))$ converges to one $\int \varphi d\nu_j$.

Periodic equidistribution. (Bowen). *For each basic set K , let $Per_n(K)$: set of periodic points $x \in K$ with period $\leq n$. Then,*

$\frac{1}{\text{Card}(Per_n(K))} \sum_{x \in Per_n(K)} \delta_x$ converges to some $\mu_K \in \mathcal{M}$ as $n \rightarrow +\infty$.

Hyperbolic diffeomorphisms (4): properties of the measures

f : a hyperbolic diffeomorphism

The physical measures ν_j and the periodic limit μ_K :

- are solutions of variational problems (called *equilibrium states*),
- \simeq Bernoulli measures on Markov chains (as measured transformations),
- in particular, they are *mixing*: for any measurable sets A, B ,

$$\mu(A \cap f^{-n}(B)) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(A)\mu(B).$$

Exponential mixing. Assume that f is topologically mixing on $\text{Supp}(\mu)$. For any Hölder maps $\varphi, \psi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ there exists $C > 0$, $\theta \in (0, 1)$ s.t.

$$\left| \int \varphi \circ f^n \cdot \psi d\mu - \int \varphi d\mu \int \psi d\mu \right| \leq C \cdot \theta^n.$$

Central limit theorem. For any Hölder map $\varphi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $\int \varphi d\mu = 0$, the variable $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}(\varphi(x) + \varphi(f(x)) + \dots + \varphi(f^{n-1}(x)))$ converges in law as $n \rightarrow +\infty$ towards some Gaussian law $\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int e^{-t^2/2\sigma^2} dt$.

Remark. $\sigma = 0$ iff $\varphi = \psi \circ f - \psi$ for some $\psi \in L^2(\mu)$. In this case, it converges to δ_0 .

How does this extends to general diffeomorphisms?

Homoclinic classes (1): definition

An orbit O with period k is *hyperbolic* if
for $p \in O$, $Df^k(p)$ has no eigenvalue on the unit circle.

The *stable* and *unstable* sets of $p \in O$ are immersed submanifolds:

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

$$W^u(p) := \{x \in M, d(f^{-n}(x), f^{-n}(p)) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow +\infty\}.$$

$$W^{s/u}(O) := \cup_{p \in O} W^{s/u}(p).$$

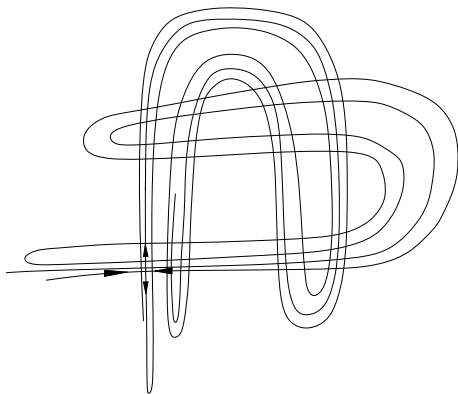
Definition (Newhouse). The *homoclinic class* of O is

$$H(O) := \text{Closure}(W^s(O) \pitchfork W^u(O)),$$

where \pitchfork denotes the set of transverse intersections.

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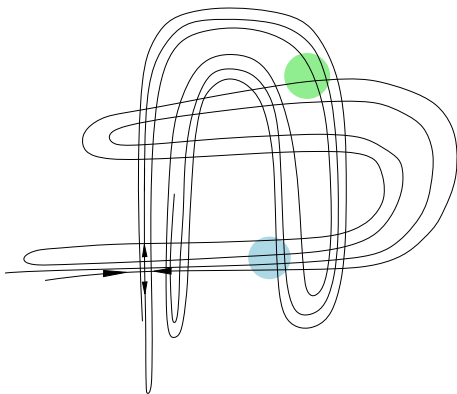
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Remark. For hyperbolic diffeomorphisms, homoclinic classes and basic sets coincide. (Consequence of the *shadowing lemma*.)

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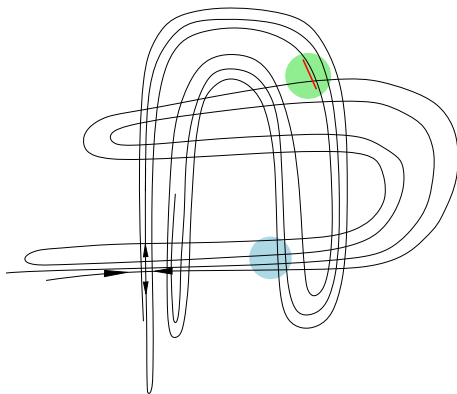
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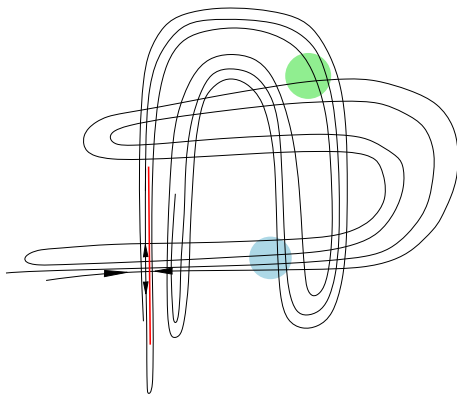
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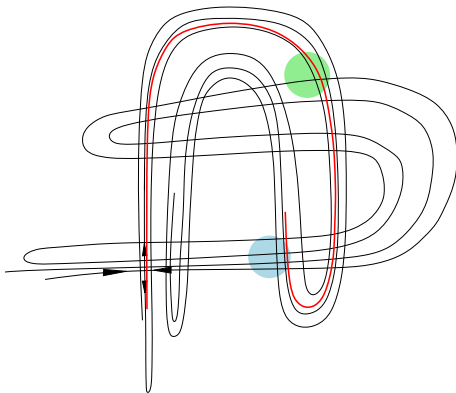
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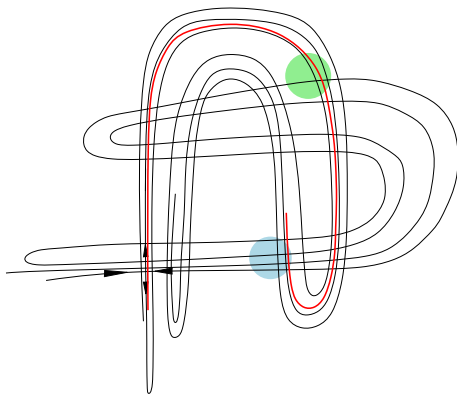
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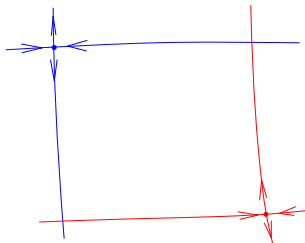
- ! The number of homoclinic class may be infinite.
- !! In general, two distinct homoclinic classes may not be disjoint.

Homoclinic classes (3): density of periodic points

$H(O) := \text{Closure}(W^s(O) \pitchfork W^u(O)).$

q : a hyperbolic periodic point.

Definition. The point q is *homoclinically related* to O if $W^s(q) \pitchfork W^u(O) \neq \emptyset$ and $W^u(q) \pitchfork W^s(O) \neq \emptyset$. (One notes $q \sim O$.)



Properties. (1) The relation \sim is an equivalence relation.

(2) $H(O) = \text{Closure}\{q \sim O\}$.

(Another consequence of the inclination lemma!)

Homoclinic classes (4): period of the class

Consider $p \in O$ and $h_p := \text{Closure}(W^s(p) \pitchfork W^u(p))$.

Property. $H(O) = h_p \cup f(h_p) \cup \dots \cup f^{k-1}(h_p)$ and $f^k(h_p) = h_p$,
where k is the gcd of the periods of the $q \sim O$.
Moreover h_p is a topologically mixing set of f^k .

k is called *period* of the homoclinic class $H(O)$.

(Still uses the inclination lemma!!)

Homoclinic classes (5): hyperbolic measures

Consider $\mu \in \mathcal{M}$ ergodic.

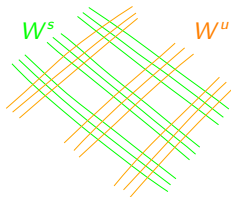
Theorem (Oseledets) *There is an inv. measurable decomposition $T_x M = E_1 \oplus \dots \oplus E_k$ on a full measure set and $\lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_k$ s.t.*

$$\frac{1}{n} \log \|Df_{E_i}^n \cdot v\| \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \pm\infty} \lambda_i \text{ for any } v \in E_i \setminus \{0\}.$$

μ is *hyperbolic* if its Lyapunov exponents λ_i are all different from 0.

\Rightarrow there exists a (non-uniform) splitting $T_x M = E^s \oplus E^u$ μ -a.e.

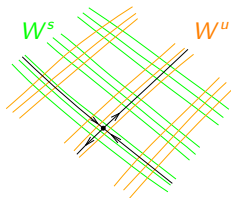
Theorem (Pesin) *If μ is hyperbolic, for μ -a.e. x , the stable and unstable sets $W^{s/u}(x)$ are immersed submanifolds tangent to $E_x^{s/u}$.*



Homoclinic classes (5): hyperbolic measures

Definition. μ is *homoclinically related* to O if for μ -ae x ,
 $W^s(x) \cap W^u(O) \neq \emptyset$ and $W^u(x) \cap W^s(O) \neq \emptyset$.
(We note $\mu \sim O$.)

Theorem (Katok's theorem revisited) *Each hyperbolic measure μ is homoclinically related to a hyperbolic periodic orbit O .*



(Uses a non-uniform shadowing lemma.)

Dynamics on surfaces

The (topological) entropy

Definition. A conjugacy invariant:

$$h_{top}(f) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} h_{top}(f, \varepsilon)$$

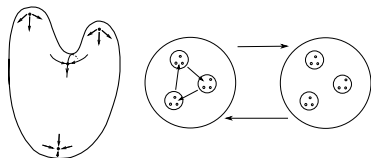
where $h_{top}(f, \varepsilon) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \#\{\text{orbits of length } n \text{ distinct at scale } \varepsilon\}$.

Surface dynamics with zero entropy:

– Conservative examples
(eg. translations on \mathbb{T}^2 , hamiltonian systems).



– Dissipative examples
(eg. Morse-Smale systems, odometers).



Some classification results: Franks-Handel, LeCalvez-Tal, C.-Pujals.

Surface dynamics with positive entropy : statement

A generalized spectral decomposition theorem.

Theorem. (Buzzi-C-Sarig) f : a C^∞ diffeomorphism of a surface.

(a) *Covering.* \forall inv. compact A , $h_{top}(A \cap (\cup_O H(O))) = h_{top}(A)$.

(b) *Disjointness.* $\forall O, O'$, either $O \sim O'$ or $h_{top}(H(O) \cap H(O')) = 0$.

(c) *Uniqueness.* f transitive \Rightarrow at most one non-triv. homoclinic class.

(d) *Finiteness.* $\forall \delta > 0$, the set $\{H(O) : h_{top}(H(O)) > \delta\}$ is finite.

(e) *Properties of homoclinic classes (coding, equilibrium states).*

Properties a: consequence of Katok's theorem.

Properties b, c, d: lecture 2.

Property d: lectures 3,4.

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Lecture 2 – Homoclinic classes on surfaces: disjointness and finiteness

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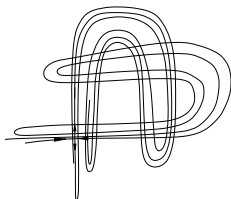
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Definition. The *homoclinic class* of a hyperbolic periodic orbit O is
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Properties. – If $O \sim O'$, then $H(O) = H(O')$.

– $H(O)$ is an invariant compact and transitive set.

– Any (ergodic) hyperbolic measure is supported on a homoclinic class.

Entropy

Entropy of invariant compact sets: $h_{top}(K) = h_{top}(f|_K)$.

Goal. *Study the dynamics up to invariant sets with zero entropy.*

One also defines the entropy $h(f, \mu)$ of an invariant probability μ .

Variational principle. $h_{top}(K) = \sup\{h(f, \mu), \text{supp}(\mu) \subset K\}$.

Key property on surfaces.

Measures with positive entropy are hyperbolic.

Surface dynamics with positive entropy

- Goal.* Obtain a generalized spectral decomposition theorem for arbitrary surface diffeomorphisms with positive entropy.
(Joint work with Jérôme Buzzi and Omri Sarig.)

Theorem. f : a C^∞ diffeomorphism of a surface.

- (a) *Covering.* μ ergodic with positive entropy $\Rightarrow \mu(\cup O H(O)) = 1$.
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Definition. $Bilip(f) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \max(\|Df^n\|, \|Df^{-n}\|)$.

Remark. $Bilip(f) \geq h_{top}(f)$ (Ruelle's inequality).

Theorem. $f: C^r$ surface diffeomorphism, O, O' : periodic saddles such that $h_{top}(f|_{H(O)}), h_{top}(f|_{H(O')}) > Bilip(f)/r$.
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Problem. Does there exist a C^r diffeomorphism and O, O' not homoclinically related such that $h_{top}(H(O) \cap H(O')) > 0$?

Disjointness (2): proof

Assume that $h_{top}(H(O) \cap H(O')) > 0$.

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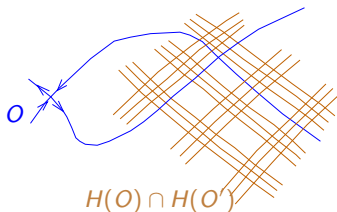


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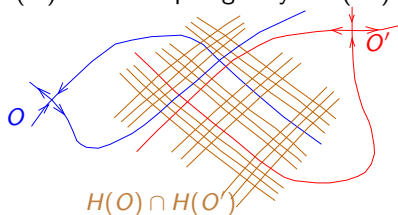


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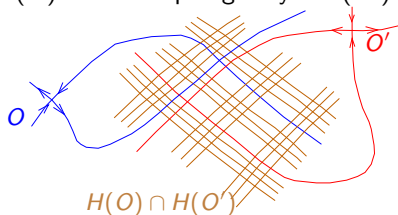


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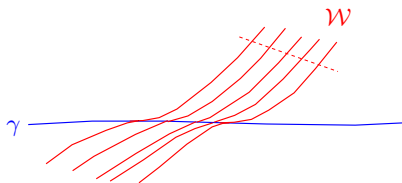
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A “dynamical” Sard theorem

Theorem.

- γ : a C^r -curve,
- \mathcal{W} : a lamination by C^r -leaves, continuous in C^r -topology, with Lipschitz holonomies (\Rightarrow transverse dimension well defined).

Then $\mathcal{T} := \{\text{leaves of } \mathcal{W} \text{ tangent to } \gamma\}$ has transverse dimension $\leq 1/r$.



Remark. When \mathcal{W} is a C^r -foliation, one recovers the usual C^r -Sard lemma.

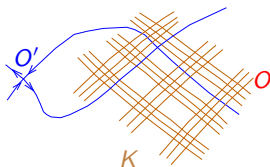
A “dynamical” Sard theorem (2): a consequence

f : a C^r -diffeomorphism

K : a transitive hyperbolic set

with entropy larger than $Bilip(f)/r$

O, O' : two saddles such that $O \in K$.



Corollary. *If $W^s(O)$ crosses topologically $W^u(O')$, then $W^s(O) \pitchfork W^u(O') \neq \emptyset$.*

Proof. $W^u(O')$ is a C^r -curve γ .

The stable lamination \mathcal{W}^s of K has C^r -leaves, continuous in C^r -topology.

Lemma. \mathcal{W}^s has Lipschitz holonomies. (since 1-codim.)

Lemma (Manning). *The dimension of K inside its unstable leaves is $\geq h_{top}(f|_K)/\log \|Df\|$.*

\Rightarrow The transverse dimension of \mathcal{W}^s is $\geq h_{top}(f|_K)/Bilip(f) > 1/r$.

By Sard, one leaf of \mathcal{W}^s intersects $W^u(O')$ transversally.

Since $W^s(O)$ is C^1 dense in \mathcal{W}^s , it intersects $W^u(O')$ transversally.

Uniqueness

Corollary. *f a C^r -diffeomorphism of a surface and K a transitive compact set such that $h_{\text{top}}(f|_K) > \text{Bilip}(f)/r$.
Then K contains at most one non-trivial homoclinic class.*

Proof.

If $H(O)$ and $H(O')$ are non-trivial,
the transitivity forces $W^s(O)$ and $W^u(O')$ to cross topologically.

Dynamical Sard Lemma gives the transverse intersection. □

Finiteness

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Notation. $Bilip(f) := \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \max(\|Df^n\|, \|Df^{-n}\|)$.

Theorem. Let f be a C^r diffeomorphism of a surface.

For any $\chi > Bilip(f)/r$, the number of homoclinic classes such that $h_{top}(f|_{H(O)}) > \chi$ is finite.

Remark. The bound $Bilip(f)/r$ is optimal.

The proof uses:

- the tail entropy,
- Yomdin theory,
- 2-dim arguments.

Entropy at small scales: tail entropy (1)

Topological entropy: $h_{top}(f) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} h_{top}(f, \varepsilon)$

where $h_{top}(f, \varepsilon) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \#\{\text{orbits of length } n \text{ distinct at scale } \varepsilon\}$.

Entropy of an ergodic measure: $h(\mu) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} h_{top}(f, \mu, \varepsilon)$ (Katok)

$$h(f, \mu, \varepsilon) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{\mu(X)=1/2} \frac{1}{n} \log \#\{\text{orbits of length } n \text{ distinct at scale } \varepsilon \text{ meeting } X\}.$$

Local contribution: $h^*(f, \varepsilon) = \sup_{x \in M} h_{top}(\text{Dyn.Ball}(f, x, \varepsilon)),$

$$h^*(f, \mu, \varepsilon) = \inf_{\mu(X)=1/2} \sup_{x \in X} h_{top}(\text{Dyn.Ball}(f, x, \varepsilon)),$$

where $\text{Dyn.Ball}(f, x, \varepsilon) = \{y : \forall n, d(f^n(x), f^n(y)) \leq \varepsilon\}$.

Entropy at small scales: tail entropy (2)

Definition. *Tail entropy.* $h^*(f) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} h^*(f, \varepsilon).$

Proposition. (Misiurewicz, Newhouse)

$$h(f, \mu) \leq h(f, \mu, \varepsilon) + h^*(f, \varepsilon).$$

$$\limsup_n h(f, \mu_n) \leq h(f, \mu) + h^*(f) \quad \text{if } \mu_n \rightarrow \mu.$$

Yomdin theory.

Theorem. (Yomdin, Newhouse, Buzzi, Downarowicz, Burguet,...)

f : C^r -diffeomorphism of surface.

$$h^*(f) \leq \frac{\text{Bilip}(f)}{r}.$$

Entropy at small scales: summary

Corollary. For a C^r -diffeomorphism of surface,

$$h(f, \mu) \leq h(f, \mu, \varepsilon) + \frac{\text{Bilip}(f)}{r}.$$

$$\limsup_n h(f, \mu_n) \leq h(f, \mu) + \frac{\text{Bilip}(f)}{r} \quad \text{if } \mu_n \rightarrow \mu.$$

Proof of the finiteness (1)

Theorem. Let $f: C^r$ diffeomorphism on a surface and any $\delta > 0$

$$\left\{ H(O) : h_{\text{top}}(H(O)) > \frac{\text{Bilip}(f)}{r} + \delta \right\} \text{ is finite.}$$

Consider a family of $H(O_n)$ supporting μ_n with $h(f, \mu_n) > \frac{\text{Bilip}(f)}{r} + \delta$.

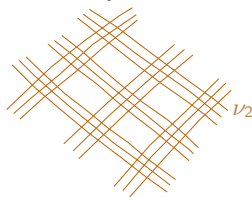
▷ We have to show that there are $n \neq m$ such that $O_n \sim O_m$.

Assume $\mu_n \rightarrow \nu$. Then $h(f, \nu) > \limsup h(f, \mu_n) - \text{Bilip}(f)/r > 0$.

Decompose $\nu = \alpha\nu_1 + (1 - \alpha)\nu_2$ such that $\alpha > 0$ and:

$h(f, \nu_1) = 0$ and all components of ν_2 have positive entropy.

- (1) Fix a $\varepsilon > 0$ small and N_0 large: there is a large ν_1 -measure set X st. $\frac{1}{n} \log \#\{\text{orbits of length } N_0 \text{ distinct at scale } \varepsilon \text{ meeting } X\} \ll 1$.
- (2) ν_2 is approximated by a hyperbolic set $K \sim \nu_2$:
there exist squares R_1, \dots, R_n
bounded by $W^s(K)$ and $W^u(K)$
with diameter smaller than ε
and large total ν_2 -measure.



Proof of the finiteness (2)

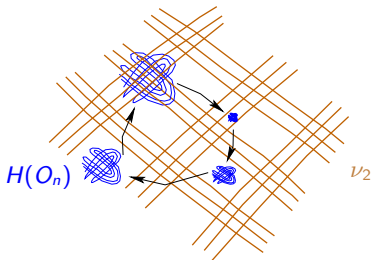
Each $H(O_n)$ decomposes as $A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_\ell$, cyclically permuted by f .

First case. For n large,
some A_i meets a rectangle R and R^c .

The $W^s(A_i)$ and $W^u(A_i)$ are connected.
Consequently $O_n \sim \nu_2$.

If this occurs for distinct n and m :

▷ We get $O_n \sim O_m$.



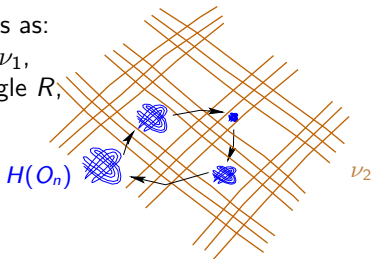
Second case. μ_n -typical orbits decomposes as:

- segments of orbits of length N_0 near ν_1 ,
- iterates in a A_i contained in a rectangle R ,
- other iterates (small proportion).

Conclusion: the entropy $h(\mu_n, \varepsilon)$ is small.

but $h(\mu_n) \leq h(\mu_n, \varepsilon) + \text{Bilip}(f)/r$.

▷ A contradiction.



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$\mathcal{T}_k := \{\text{leaves of } \mathcal{W} \text{ with contact of order } k \text{ with } \gamma\}$.

Lemma. \mathcal{T}_k is at most countable for $k < r$.

Proof. Two close leaves at x_1, x_2 .

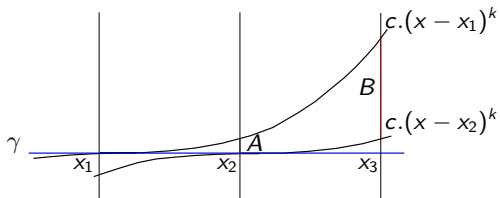
$$x_2 - x_1 = d$$

$$x_3 - x_2 = K \cdot d$$

$$A = c \cdot d^k$$

$$B = c \cdot ((K + 1)^k - K^k) \cdot d^k$$

Contradicts the Lipschitz holonomy
(if K is large)



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Lemma. $\mathcal{T}_r = \{\text{leaves with contact of order } \geq r\}$ has dimension $\leq 1/r$.

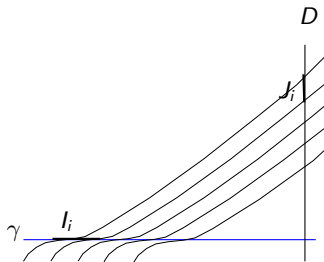
Proof.

Cover γ by small intervals I_i

$$\sum |I_i| < 1.$$

Project by holonomy as interval J_i
in a transversal D .

$$\sum |J_i|^{1/r} < 1.$$



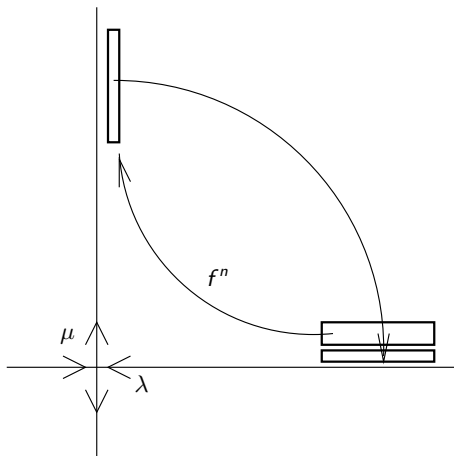
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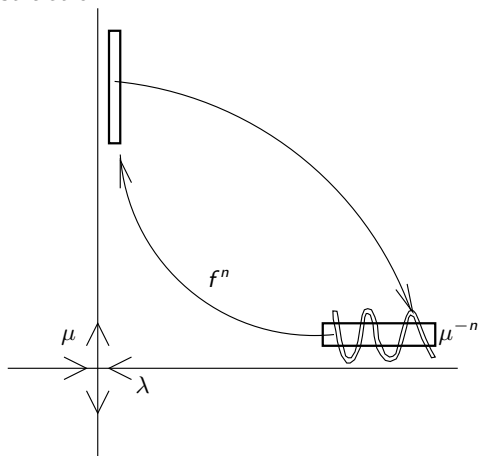


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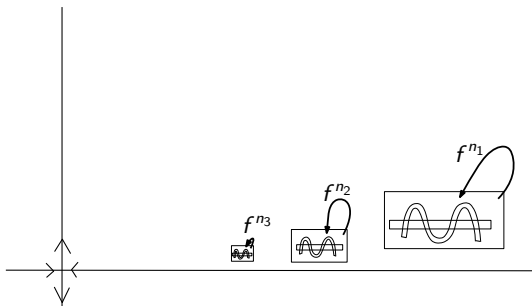


Number of waves after a C^r -perturbation: $\mu^{n/r}$.

$$\Rightarrow h_{top}(f) \geq \frac{\log \mu}{r} \sim Bilip(f)/r.$$

Measures of large entropy: examples

Proposition. For any $r > 1$ and $\eta > 0$, there exists a C^r -diffeomorphism with infinitely many disjoint homoclinic classes with entropy larger than $(1 - \eta) \cdot \text{Bilip}(f)/r$.



Homoclinic classes and equilibrium states

Lecture 3 – Homoclinic classes: coding

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Smooth and homogeneous dynamics

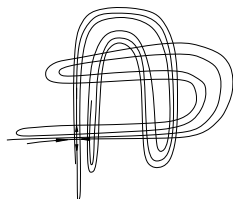
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Homoclinic classes

M : a compact boundaryless connected manifold,
 f : a C^r -diffeomorphism, $r > 1$.

The *homoclinic class*
of a hyperbolic periodic orbit O is
 $H(O) := \text{Closure}(W^s(O) \pitchfork W^u(O))$.

It is an invariant compact and transitive set.



Program:

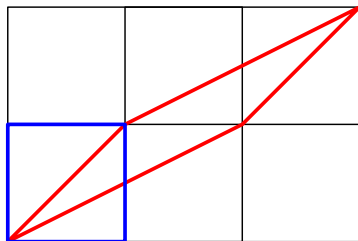
- *Lecture 1*: decomposition of the dynamics,
- *Lecture 2*: the case of surfaces,
- *Lecture 3*: coding,
- *Lecture 4*: limit measures.

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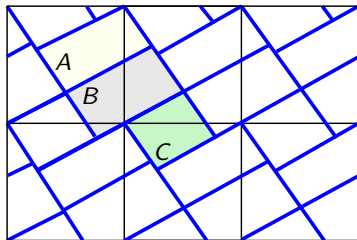
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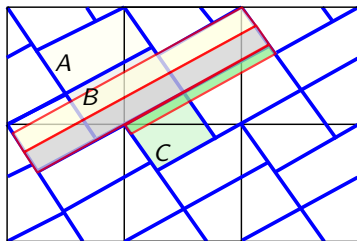
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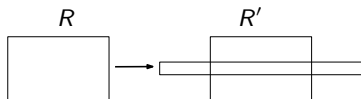
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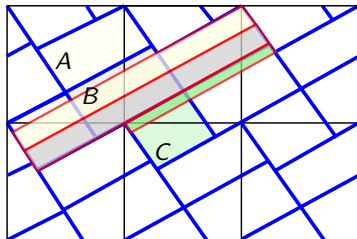
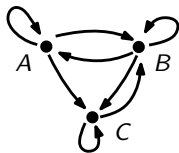
Markov property:

If $f(R)$ intersects $\text{interior}(R')$, it crosses.



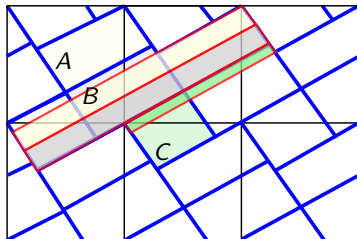
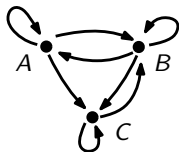
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Symbolic space Σ : space of admissible sequences.

Projection $\pi: \Sigma \rightarrow M$ defined by

$$\pi(\dots R_{-1}, R_0, R_1, \dots) = \bigcap f^{-i}(\overline{R_i}).$$

► π is continuous, surjective, generally not injective but finite-to-one.

Coding the non-uniformly hyperbolic set (global version)

Def. μ is χ -hyperbolic if its Lyapunov exponents belong to $\mathbb{R} \setminus [-\chi, \chi]$.

Theorem (Sarig, Ben Ovadia). For $\chi > 0$, there exist:

– a locally compact Markov shift $(\widehat{\Sigma}, \sigma)$ on a countable alphabet,
– a Hölder map $\pi: \widehat{\Sigma} \rightarrow M$ satisfying $\pi \circ \sigma = f \circ \pi$,
such that:

(a) $\pi(\widehat{\Sigma}^\#)$ has full measure for every χ -hyperbolic measure,

(b) $\pi^{-1}(x) \cap \widehat{\Sigma}^\#$ is finite for every $x \in M$.

Here $\widehat{\Sigma}^\# =$ set of orbits with arb. large forward & backward iterates in a compact set.

Remarks. – Compact sets in $\widehat{\Sigma}$ project to unif. hyperbolic sets in M .

– Invariant probabilities in a transitive component of $\widehat{\Sigma}$
project to measures that are homoclinically related.

Coding of a homoclinic class

$H(O)$: a homoclinic class of a C^r diffeomorphism f , $r > 1$.

Theorem (Buzzi, C-, Sarig). For any $\chi > 0$, there exists:

- a locally compact Markov shift on a countable alphabet (Σ, σ) ,
- a Hölder map $\pi: \Sigma \rightarrow H(O)$ satisfying $\pi \circ \sigma = f \circ \pi$,

such that

- (a) $\mu(\pi(\Sigma^\#)) = 1$ for any χ -hyperbolic measure $\mu \sim O$,
- (b) $\pi^{-1}(y) \cap \Sigma^\#$ is finite for all $y \in \pi(H(O))$,
- (c) (Σ, σ) is **transitive** (irreducible).

Here $\Sigma^\# =$ set of orbits with arb. large forward & backward iterates in a compact set.

Remark. Any χ -hyperbolic $\mu \sim O$ lifts as an inv. probability $\hat{\mu}$ on $\Sigma^\#$.

From (b), the entropy of $\hat{\mu}$ and μ coincide.

Coding of a homoclinic class

Three steps:

- I. Construction of a highly redundant coding Σ_0 .
- II. Refinement to a finite-to-one global coding $\widehat{\Sigma}$.
- III. Extraction of an irreducible component $\Sigma \subset \widehat{\Sigma}$.

Quality of hyperbolicity

Fix $\varepsilon, \beta > 0$ small. To simplify, M is a surface.

The *Non-Uniformly Hyperbolic set* NUH_χ :

set of $x \in M$ with directions e^s, e^u and angle $\alpha(x)$ s.t.

- $s(x) := \left(\sum_{n \geq 0} e^{2\chi n} \|Df^n(x).e^s\|^2 \right)^{1/2} < \infty,$
- $u(x) := \left(\sum_{n \geq 0} e^{2\chi n} \|Df^{-n}(x).e^u\|^2 \right)^{1/2} < \infty,$
- $\frac{1}{n} \log Q(f^n(x)) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \pm\infty,$

where $Q(x) := \max(\alpha(x), 1/s(x), 1/u(x))^{1/\beta}.$

Points $x \in \text{NUH}_\chi$ have a *Pesin chart* of size: $Q(x).$

Size of stable manifold: $q^s(x) = \min\{e^{\varepsilon n} Q(f^n(x)), n \geq 0\},$

Size of unstable manifold: $q^u(x) = \min\{e^{\varepsilon n} Q(f^{-n}(x)), n \geq 0\}.$

I- Markov covering: construction

- A:** collection of Pesin charts $\Psi_x^{p^s, p^u}$ for $x \in NUH_\chi$, $p^s, p^u < Q(x)$, with $p^s =$ stable size and $p^u =$ unstable size, such that:
- it “covers” NUH_χ ,
 - it is discrete: the set of charts $\Psi_x^{p^s, p^u}$ with $p^s, p^u > t$ is finite.

Transitions. $\Psi_x^{p_1^s, p_1^u} \rightarrow \Psi_y^{p_2^s, p_2^u}$ if $f(x) \sim y$ and $p_1^{s/u} \sim p_2^{s/u}$.

Σ_0 : space of sequences in \mathcal{A} compatible with the transitions.

Non-uniform shadowing $\pi_0(\underline{\Psi})$: For any $\underline{\Psi} = (\Psi_n)_{\mathbb{Z}} \in \Sigma_0$, there is a unique point $\pi_0(\underline{\Psi}) = x \in M$ such that $f^n(x) \in \text{Im}(\Psi_n)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

\Rightarrow Any orbit in NUH_χ lifts by $\pi_0: \Sigma_0 \rightarrow M$.

I- Markov covering: local finiteness

We have built $\pi_0: \Sigma_0 \rightarrow M$
 $\underline{\Psi} = (\Psi_n) \mapsto \pi_0(\underline{\Psi})$.

Inverse theorem.

There exists $c > 0$ st. for any $\underline{\Psi} \in \Sigma_0^\#$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$c^{-1} \leq \frac{p_n^s}{q^s(f^n(x))} \leq c \quad \text{and} \quad c^{-1} \leq \frac{p_n^u}{q^u(f^n(x))} \leq c.$$

Summary. Let $Z_\Psi = \pi_0(\{(\Psi_n), \Psi_0 = \Psi\} \cap \Sigma_0^\#)$ (projected cylinder), $\Psi \in \mathcal{A}$.

One gets a locally finite covering \mathcal{Z} of $\pi_0(\Sigma_0^\#)$ by “Markov rectangles”:

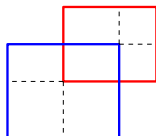
$x \in \pi_0(\Sigma_0^\#)$ belongs to finitely many Z_Ψ , but has maybe infinitely many lifts in $\Sigma_0^\#$.

II- The global coding: construction

\mathcal{Z} : collection of projected rectangles Z_Ψ with transition relation $\Psi \rightarrow \Psi'$.

Bowen-Sinai refinement.

Any $Z_\Psi, Z_{\Psi'}$ which intersect generate seven rectangles.



\mathcal{R} : partition of $\pi_0(\Sigma_0^\#)$ induced by all rectangles generated by pairs $Z_\Psi, Z_{\Psi'} \in \mathcal{Z}$.

Transitions: $R \rightarrow R'$ if $f(R) \cap R' \neq \emptyset$.

$\widehat{\Sigma}$: space of sequences on \mathcal{R} compatible with transitions.

Projection: $\pi(\underline{R}) = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} f^{-n}(\text{Closure}(R_n))$.

\Rightarrow A well-defined continuous map $\pi: \widehat{\Sigma} \rightarrow M$.

II- The global coding: properties

Bowen property. There exists a relation \sim on \mathcal{R} (affiliation) st:

- For any $\underline{R}, \underline{R}' \in \widehat{\Sigma}^\#$, $\pi(\underline{R}) = \pi(\underline{R}') \Leftrightarrow (\forall n, R_n \sim R'_n)$.
- For any R , the set $\{R' \sim R\}$ is finite.

\sim is defined by: $R \sim R'$ iff $R \subset Z_\Psi$, $R' \subset Z_{\Psi'}$ and $Z_\Psi \cap Z_{\Psi'} \neq \emptyset$.

Corollary. $\pi: \widehat{\Sigma}^\# \rightarrow M$ is finite-to-one.

Consider $\underline{R} = (R_n)$ and R_-, R_+ such that $R_n = R_-$ for infinitely many $n < 0$,
 $R_n = R_+$ for infinitely many $n > 0$.

Then $\#\{\underline{R}' \in \widehat{\Sigma}^\#, \pi(\underline{R}') = \pi(\underline{R})\}$ is bounded by a $Cte(R_-, R_+)$.

Characterization of the uniform hyperbolicity.

*Uniformly χ -hyperbolic sets in M can be lifted as compact sets in $\widehat{\Sigma}$.
The transitivity is preserved.*

III- Selection of a transitive component Σ of $\widehat{\Sigma}$

$H(O)$: a homoclinic class.

Proposition.

There exists a transitive component $\Sigma \subset \widehat{\Sigma}$ containing periodic orbits that lift all the periodic orbits $O' \sim O$ that are χ -hyperbolic.

Proof.

Consider these periodic orbits O_1, O_2, \dots

There exists transitive hyperbolic set K_n which contains O_1, \dots, O_n .

Lift $K_n \subset M$ as a transitive compact set $\widehat{K}_n \subset \widehat{\Sigma}$.

Finiteness-to-one property on $\Sigma^\#$

\Rightarrow there is a transitive component $\Sigma \subset \widehat{\Sigma}$ containing infinitely many \widehat{K}_n .



III- Lifting the measures in Σ

$\mu \sim O$ a χ -hyperbolic measure

Proposition.

There exists a measure ν on Σ such that $\pi_*(\nu) = \mu$.

Proof.

- Lift $\hat{\nu}$ on a transitive component Σ' of $\hat{\Sigma}$ (maybe not Σ).
- Approximate $\hat{\nu}$ by periodic orbits $\hat{O}_1, \hat{O}_2, \dots$ in $\hat{\Sigma}$:
there are $\hat{p}_i \in \hat{O}_i$ such that $\hat{p}_i \rightarrow \hat{x}$ typical for $\hat{\nu}$.
- Project in M as periodic orbits O_1, O_2, \dots s.t. χ -hyperbolic and $\sim O$.
- Lift them as periodic orbits $\tilde{O}_1, \tilde{O}_2, \dots$ in Σ .
There is $\tilde{p}_i \in \tilde{O}_i$ such that $\pi(\tilde{p}_i) = \pi(\hat{p}_i)$.
- (\tilde{p}_i) is precompact (Bowen property) \Rightarrow converges to some $\tilde{x} \in \Sigma^\#$.
- This lift to $\Sigma^\#$ all points of a set of full μ -measure and average
 \Rightarrow defines a measure ν on $\Sigma^\#$ which lifts μ .



Summary

$H(O)$: a homoclinic class of a C^r diffeomorphism of surface

NUH_χ : set of points in $H(O)$ that are ' χ -hyperbolic'.

Theorem (Local coding). For any $\chi > 0$, there exists:

- a loc. compact Markov shift on a countable alphabet (Σ, σ) ,
- a Hölder map $\pi: \Sigma \rightarrow H(O)$ satisfying $\pi \circ \sigma = f \circ \pi$,

such that

- (a) $\pi(\Sigma^\#) \supset NUH_\chi$,
- (b) π is finite-to-one on $\Sigma^\#$,
- (c) (Σ, σ) is transitive.

Questions.

- How does Σ behave at infinity?
- Is it possible to code the whole $\bigcup_\chi NUH_\chi$ (when f is C^∞)?
- How to address $H(O) \setminus \pi(\Sigma^\#)$?

Homoclinic classes and equilibrium states

Lecture 4 – Equilibrium states: existence and uniqueness

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Measures of maximal entropy

μ *maximizes the entropy* if it realizes the supremum

$$h_{\text{top}}(f) = h(f, \mu).$$

Motivation (Burguet). For a C^∞ -diffeomorphism on surface, the periodic orbits with Lyapunov exponents δ -far from 0 equidistribute towards the measures maximizing the entropy.

Existence?

- Yes under expansivity (hyperbolic diffeomorphisms,...).
- No in general for C^r -diffeomorphisms. (Buzzi)

Theorem. (Newhouse) If f is a C^∞ diffeomorphism on a compact manifold, it has a measure of maximal entropy.

Measures of maximal entropy: finiteness

Finiteness of the set of ergodic measures maximizing the entropy?

was known for: – hyperbolic diffeomorphisms,...

– some non-uniformly hyperbolic Hénon maps. (Berger)

Theorem. f : a C^∞ -diffeo of surface with $h_{top}(f) > 0$.
*The number of ergodic measures maximizing the entropy is finite.
Moreover, if f is transitive, it is equal to 1 (uniqueness).*

Remark. When f is C^r :

- the same holds if $h_{top}(f) > Bilip(f)/r$,
- this may fail when $h_{top}(f) < Bilip(f)/r$.

Physical / SRB measures

μ : a hyperbolic measure of a C^2 -diffeomorphism.

Definition. μ is **SRB** if its disintegrations along W^u are abs continuous.

Equivalent definitions (Ledrappier, Young, Tsujii,...):

- (1) μ is “strongly” physical: for x in a set of positive Lebesgue measure, $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \delta_{f^i(x)} \rightarrow \mu$ and the forward orbit of x has the same exponents as μ .
- (2) $h(f, \mu)$ equals the sum of the positive Lyapunov exponents of μ .

Restatement. One introduces the *geometrical potential* $\phi_{geom}: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

$$\phi_{geom}(x) = \begin{cases} -\log |\det(Df|_{E^u(x)})| & \text{if } x \text{ has an unstable space,} \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

If μ is an SRB it maximizes $h(f, \mu) + \int \phi_{geom} d\mu$.

Physical / SRB measures: finiteness

Theorem (Hertz-Hertz-Tahzibi-Ures). f : a C^2 diffeo of surface.
Each homoclinic class supports at most one SRB measure.

Corollary. *On a transitive attractor, there is at most one SRB measure.*

Theorem (BCS). f : a C^∞ diffeo of surface. Fix $\delta > 0$.
*If Leb. a.e. point has an upper Lyapunov exponent $> \delta$,
then there exist at most finitely many ergodic SRB measures.*

Remark. When f is C^r , the same holds if $\delta > \text{Bilip}(f)/r$.

Equilibrium measures

$\phi: H(O) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{-\infty\}$: a measurable potential.

Definition. μ is an *equilibrium state* for ϕ if it realizes the supremum:

$$P_f(\phi) := \sup_{\nu} \left(h(f, \nu) + \int \phi d\nu \right).$$

Remark (*small potential condition.*) For surface diffeomorphisms, the equilibrium states are hyperbolic provided that:

$$\sup \varphi - \inf \varphi < h_{top}(f).$$

Uniqueness

Equilibrium measures: uniqueness

Theorem. Consider f , a C^2 diffeomorphism of a compact manifold, O a hyperbolic periodic orbit and φ either Hölder or $= \varphi_{\text{geom}}$.
Then there is at most one hyperbolic equilibrium state $\mu \sim O$.
Its support coincides with $H(O)$; if $\text{period}(H(O)) = 1$, μ is Bernoulli.

Other approaches under various hyperbolic settings, using:

- the specification for the original system
(for instance the recent works by Climenhaga, Thompson, Burns, Fisher,...),
- the geometrical properties of measures
(for instance Hopf argument),
- ...

Equilibrium measures: uniqueness

Fix $\chi > 0$ small.

- (1) There exists a coding by transitive Markov shift $\pi: \Sigma \rightarrow M$ st:
 - π is Hölder continuous,
 - any χ -hyperbolic measure $\mu \sim O$ lifts as a measure $\hat{\mu}$ on Σ ,
 - $h(f, \mu) = h(\sigma, \hat{\mu})$.
- (2) χ -hyperbolic equilibrium states $\mu \sim O$ lift as eq. states on Σ .
Hölder or geometrical potentials lift as Hölder bounded potentials on Σ .
- (3) The Bernoulli property is preserved by factor maps. (Ornstein)

Conclusion. We are reduced to a problem on Markov shifts.

Properties of Markov shifts

(Σ, σ) : a **transitive** locally compact Markov shift on a countable alphabet and with finite entropy.

Theorem (Gurevich, Buzzi-Sarig). $\phi: \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ Hölder and bounded.
Then ϕ admits at most one equilibrium measure.
When it exists, it has full support and
it is isomorphic to Bernoulli \times finite permutation.

Proof. In the case $\phi = 0$.
Denote by $[i]$ the 0-cylinders of Σ .

Any measure μ has a Markov approximation $\bar{\mu}$:

$$\bar{\mu}[i] := \mu[i] \text{ with transitions } P_{i,j} := \mu[i,j]/\mu[i].$$

Then $h(\mu) \leq h(\bar{\mu}) = -\sum_{i,j} \bar{\mu}[i] P_{i,j} \log P_{i,j}$. □

Existence

Equilibrium measures: existence

Theorem. Take $f \in C^\infty$ on a compact manifold and φ continuous. Then there exists an equilibrium state.

Proof. Yomdin theory for a C^r -diffeomorphism gives:

$$\limsup_n h(f, \mu_n) \leq h(f, \mu) + h^*(f) \quad \text{if } \mu_n \rightarrow \mu,$$

and

$$h^*(f) \leq \frac{\text{Bilip}(f)}{r}.$$

Hence $h \mapsto h(f, \mu)$ is semi-continuous for C^∞ diffeomorphisms.

Thus one considers any limit of measures approaching the supremum. \square

Yomdin theory

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*Local contribution
to entropy
at scale ε*

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Theorem. f : C^r -diffeomorphism of surface.

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Yomdin theory: steps of the proof

– A variational principle: $h^*(f) \leq \sup_{\mu} h^*(f, \mu, \varepsilon)$
(Downarowicz-Newhouse)

– Newhouse's bound: $h^*(f, \mu, \varepsilon) \leq L_r^*(f, 2\varepsilon)$

where

$$L_r^*(f, \varepsilon) = \sup_{C^r\text{-curve } \gamma} \left(\limsup_n \sup_x \frac{1}{n} \log^+ \text{Length}(f^n(\gamma \cap B_f(x, n, \varepsilon))) \right).$$

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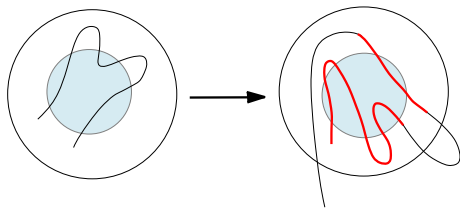
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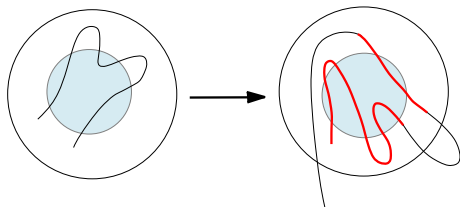
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$\text{Lip}(f) = \|f\|_{C^r}$ and $\|\gamma\|_{C^r} \leq 1 \Rightarrow \|D^r f \circ \gamma(L \cdot)\|_0 \leq 1$, where $L \sim \text{Lip}(f)^{-1/r}$.

Algebraic lemma. One can subdivide and reparametrize $f(\gamma) \cap B(x, \varepsilon)$ into at most $\text{cte} \cdot \text{Lip}(f)^{1/r}$ arcs γ' st $\|\gamma'\|_{C^r} \leq 1$.