

Linearization of Normally Hyperbolic Diffeomorphisms and Flows

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1. Introduction

In this paper we linearize a diffeomorphism near an invariant submanifold in the presence of normal hyperbolicity.

Definition. *If $f: M \rightarrow M$ is a C^1 diffeomorphism of a Riemannian manifold M leaving invariant the compact C^1 submanifold V , $fV = V$, then f is normally hyperbolic at V provided that its tangent $Tf: T_V M \rightarrow T_V M$ leaves invariant a continuous splitting $T_V M = N^u \oplus TV \oplus N^s$ and*

$$(a) \ m(N^u f) > \|Vf\|,$$

$$(b) \ \|N^s f\| < m(Vf)$$

where $N^u f = Tf|_{N^u}$, $Vf = Tf|_{TV}$, $N^s f = Tf|_{N^s}$ and

$$m(N^u f) = \inf_{p \in V} \|N_p^u f^{-1}\|^{-1}, \quad \|Vf\| = \sup_{p \in V} \|V_p f\|,$$

$$\|N^s f\| = \sup_{p \in V} \|N_p^s f\|, \quad m(Vf) = \inf_{p \in V} \|V_p f^{-1}\|^{-1}.$$

See [3] where normal hyperbolicity is discussed extensively. Conditions (a), (b) mean that the normal behavior dominates the tangent behavior.

Definition. *A C^1 flow $\{f^t\}$ on M is normally hyperbolic at V if $f^t V = V$ for all t and f^1 is normally hyperbolic at V .*

From [3] we know that all f^t , $t \neq 0$, are normally hyperbolic at V if one, say f^1 , is. The splitting $N^u \oplus TV \oplus N^s$ is independent of t . If V is a closed orbit of the flow $\{f^t\}$ then normal hyperbolicity at V is equivalent to genericity of V in the usual sense.

Theorem 1. *If f is normally hyperbolic at V then f is conjugate to Nf near V .*

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Theorem 2. *If $\{f^t\}$ is normally hyperbolic at V then $\{f^t\}$ is conjugate to $\{Nf^t\}$ near V .*

Nf is $Tf|N^u \oplus N^s$ and the conjugacy is a homeomorphism h defined from a neighborhood of the zero section of NV to a neighborhood of V in M such that $N(f)h = hf$.

A conjugacy between the flows $\{f^t\}$ and $\{Nf^t\}$ is a single homeomorphism that conjugates each f^t to Nf^t near V .

The proofs of Theorems 1, 2 were inspired by the geometric proof of Hartman's Theorem in Palis [6] and the proofs of Hartman's Theorem for a fixed point in a Banach space Palis [5] and Pugh [8]. For Hartman's Theorem is the case $V = \text{one point}$ in Theorems 1, 2 [1 a]. Theorem 2 for the case of a closed orbit was independently proven by Irwin [4]. The techniques used to prove Theorem 2 simplify when V is a closed orbit as follows:

Proposition. *If $\{f^t\}$ is normally hyperbolic at a closed orbit V then $\{f^t\}$ is conjugate to $\{Nf^t\}$ near V .*

Proof. Let V have period τ . We need only find topological disks $D_0 \subset D$ transverse to V at $x \in V$ such that $f^\tau(D_0) \subset D$, for then $f^\tau|D_0$ is conjugate to the Poincaré transformation on a differentially transverse disc just by following the solution curves near V and the Poincaré transformation is conjugate to $Nf^\tau|N_x V$. Thus there is a local conjugacy $h: U \rightarrow D_0$. Now we may define the conjugacy H by $H(x) = f^t h N f^{-t}(x)$ where $0 \leq t < \tau$ and $Nf^{-t}(x) \in D_0$. H is defined and continuous in a neighborhood of V and $HNf^t = f^t H$. The existence of the topologically transverse disc is a simple application of the proof of Theorem 1, extending W^{uu} over W_x^{ss} for f^τ .

Takens has recently shown that a differentiable H exists generically for V a closed orbit.

For such linearization theorems, the notion of normal hyperbolicity may be unnecessarily strong. For instance, suppose $N^u = 0$, $N^s = N$ is left invariant by Tf and contracted, although perhaps not so sharply as is TV . We could then find a diffeomorphism g leaving V pointwise fixed such that Tg leaves NV invariant and contracts each fiber by constant-multiplication, $c > 0$. Then $g \circ f$ would be normally hyperbolic (purely contracting) if c were small enough. Also it could be shown that $g \circ f$ is conjugate to f near V and $N(g \circ f)$ is conjugate to Nf . By Theorem 1, $N(g \circ f)$ is conjugate to $g \circ f$ near V and thus $N(f)$ is conjugate to f . This says that in the purely contracting case, we could weaken the normal hyperbolicity assumption to "0-normal hyperbolicity": the normal behavior, Nf , dominates the zero-th power of Tf on TV . Similarly in the purely expanding case. If we try the same trick in the true hyperbolic case, $N^u \neq 0 \neq N^s$, we would make $N^u g = \text{multiplication by } C > 1$, $N^s g =$

multiplication by $0 < c < 1$, then $g \circ f$ would be normally hyperbolic at V for c small and C large. Although it can be seen that $N(g \circ f)$ is conjugate to $N(f)$, it is not clear whether $g \circ f$ is conjugate to f .

2. Linearization in Banach Bundles

The proofs of Theorems 1, 2 are not so similar as we would like. Both rely on forms of Hartman's Theorem for Banach bundles, but in the flow case we prove only a purely contracting Banach bundle theorem.

(2.1) **Theorem.** *Let*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \xrightarrow{F} & E \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & X \end{array}$$

be a hyperbolic Banach bundle automorphism covering the homeomorphism f . Let $F' : E \rightarrow E$ be continuous and obey

- (a) F' covers f ,
- (b) $L(F'_x - F_x) < \mu$ $x \in X$ and $|F'_x - F_x| < \mu$,
- (c) $F'(O_x) = O_{f_x}$ $x \in X$,

where F_x, F'_x are F, F' restricted to the fiber over x, E_x , and $O_x \leftrightarrow x$ is the origin of E_x . Then F' is conjugate to F . The conjugacy leaves X pointwise fixed and preserves E -fibers. It is the unique conjugacy covering the identity map $X \rightarrow X$ and at a finite distance from the identity map $E \rightarrow E$. The constant μ is determined as in [8] by $\mu < 1 - \tau$ where τ is the skewness.

Proof. There are two ways to produce the conjugacy h between F' and F . One may just consider the functional analytic proof of Hartman's Theorem [5, 8] and observe that at no stage does the presence of the parameter $x \in X$ complicate the argument. Alternatively, one may let F, F' induce hyperbolic automorphisms F_b, F'_b on $\Sigma^b E$, the Banach space of bounded sections of E . The map F'_b is within μ of the hyperbolic automorphism F_b . They are conjugate using Hartman's Theorem directly, say by $H : \Sigma^b E \rightarrow \Sigma^b E$. The characterization of H can then be used, as in [2] and the deduction of stable manifold theory for hyperbolic sets from the theory for a point in a Banach space, to conclude that H induces a conjugacy between F' and F . It is defined by

$$h(y) = H(i_x y)(x)$$

for $y \in E_x$ and $i_x y$ the bounded section of E which vanishes except at x when it equals y .

Though the second proof is somehow more satisfying, it is considerably longer. Both are straightforward.

The functional analytic proof of Hartman's Theorem gives uniqueness. In practice we must deal with a local situation.

(2.2) Theorem. *Let F, F' be as in (2.1) except that F' is defined only on U , a uniform neighborhood of a closed f -invariant subset $X_0 \subset X$ and satisfies*

- (a) F' covers f , equaling f on $X \cap U$,
- (b) $L(F'_x - F_x) < \mu/2 \quad x \in X \cap U$

the function $F'_x - F_x$ being defined only on $U \cap E_x$. Then restrictions of F' and F to neighborhoods of X_0 are conjugate. The conjugacy equals the identity on X and preserves fibers.

Proof. It is merely a matter of extending F' , or a restriction of F' , to all of E while preserving (a), (b). Then we apply the global Theorem (2.1) to F and this extension. The resulting conjugacy, restricted to a neighborhood of X_0 , works.

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be chosen so that

$$U \supset U_\varepsilon = \{y \in E_x : d(x, X_0) \leq \varepsilon, |y| \leq \varepsilon\}$$

and let φ be a continuous bump function on X , $0 \leq \varphi \leq 1$, vanishing off $U \cap X$ and equalling 1 on $U_\varepsilon \cap X$.

Let $\rho: E \rightarrow E(\varepsilon)$ be the radial retraction defined by

$$\rho(y) = \begin{cases} y & \text{if } |y| \leq \varepsilon \\ \varepsilon y/|y| & \text{if } |y| \geq \varepsilon. \end{cases}$$

Then define

$$\bar{F}(y) = \varphi(x) \cdot (F' - F) \circ \rho(y) + F(y)$$

for $y \in E_x$. When $x \notin U$, this makes $\bar{F}_x = F_x$. Note that \bar{F} covers f , equals F' on U_ε , and

$$L(\bar{F}_x - F_x) = L(\varphi(x) \cdot (F'_x - F_x) \circ \rho_x) \leq \varphi(x) L(F'_x - F_x) L(\rho_x).$$

In the next lemma, we check that $L(\rho_x) \leq 2$. Hence \bar{F} verifies the hypotheses of (2.1) and (2.2) is proved.

(2.3) Lemma. *$L(\rho) \leq 2$ where $\rho: E \rightarrow E(\varepsilon)$ is the radial retraction of the normed space E onto its closed ε -ball $E(\varepsilon)$.*

Proof. Let $y_1, y_2 \in E$. We must show that

$$|\rho(y_1) - \rho(y_2)| \leq 2|y_1 - y_2|.$$

If $y_1, y_2 \in E(\varepsilon)$ then there is nothing to prove. This leaves the cases $|y_1| \leq \varepsilon \leq |y_2|$, $\varepsilon \leq |y_1| \leq |y_2|$. The first is a consequence of the second: a norm is continuous so there is a point y_3 on the segment $[y_1, y_2]$ having

$|y_3| = \varepsilon$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |\rho(y_1) - \rho(y_2)| &\leq |\rho(y_1) - \rho(y_3)| + |\rho(y_3) - \rho(y_2)| \\ &\leq |y_1 - y_3| + 2|y_3 - y_2| \leq 2[|y_1 - y_3| + |y_3 - y_2|] = 2|y_1 - y_2|. \end{aligned}$$

It remains to consider: $\varepsilon \leq |y_1| \leq |y_2|$.

$$\begin{aligned} |\rho(y_1) - \rho(y_2)| &= \left| \frac{\varepsilon y_1}{|y_1|} - \frac{\varepsilon y_2}{|y_2|} \right| = \frac{\varepsilon}{|y_1|} \left| y_1 - \frac{|y_1|}{|y_2|} y_2 \right| \\ &\leq \left| y_1 - \frac{|y_1|}{|y_2|} y_2 \right| \leq |y_1 - y_2| + \left| y_2 - \frac{|y_1|}{|y_2|} y_2 \right| \\ &\leq |y_1 - y_2| + \left| \frac{|y_2| - |y_1|}{|y_2|} \right| |y_2| \leq 2|y_1 - y_2|. \end{aligned}$$

Remark. This estimate is the sharpest possible for the Lipschitz constant of ρ . For $L(\rho) = 2$ when $E = \mathbb{R}^2$ and $|(x, y)| = \max(|x|, |y|)$.

(2.4) *Note.* The hypotheses (b) of (2.2) is verified on a small enough neighborhood of X_0 if

(b') F'_x is C^1 , its derivative is uniformly continuous at X_0 , and $DF'_x = F'_x$ at X_0 .

This differentiability of F'_x means the derivative of F' exist along fibers; its continuity at X_0 means that $(DF'_x)_y$ tends uniformly to $(DF'_x)_0$ as $|y| \rightarrow 0$ and $x' \rightarrow x \in X_0$. Since $L(F_x - F'_x) \leq \sup_y \|F_x - (DF'_x)_y\|$, (2.2b) holds on a small neighborhood of X_0 .

3. Proof of Theorem 1

Case 1. $N^s = 0$. That is, f is purely expanding in the normal direction, $N = N^u$. According to [3], there is homeomorphism $g: N_\varepsilon \rightarrow W_\varepsilon^u$, the unstable manifold of V_ε carrying the linear fiber $N_\varepsilon(p)$ to the strong unstable fiber $W_\varepsilon^{uu}(p)$. The map g , restricted to each $N_\varepsilon(p)$, is C^1 , uniformly in p , and

$$T(g|N_\varepsilon(p)): T_p(N(p)) \rightarrow T_p M$$

is the inclusion $N(p) \hookrightarrow T_p M$. Since $N(p)$ is linear $T_p(N(p))$ is canonically isomorphic to $N(p)$.

We consider $f' = g^{-1} f g: N_\delta \rightarrow N$ for $\delta \leq \varepsilon$. Then f' and $N^u f = N f$ are fiber preserving maps of N , both covering the same map $f|V$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N & \xrightarrow{f', Nf} & N \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ V & \xrightarrow{f|V} & V \end{array}$$

Of course f' is just defined locally. Since $T(g|N_\epsilon(p))$ is the inclusion at p , f' is tangent to Nf along fibers at V . This lets us apply (2.4), (2.2) to produce a conjugacy h ,

$$f' h = h \circ Nf.$$

Then $g h = H$ conjugates Nf to f since $H \circ Nf = g \circ h \circ Nf = g \circ f' \circ h = f \circ H$.

Case 2. $N^u = 0$. Apply Case 1 to f^{-1} .

Case 3. $N^u \neq 0 \neq N^s$. Restricting f to the C^1 submanifold W^s , the stable manifold of V , we may apply Case 2 to produce a conjugacy of $N^s f$ to $f|W^s$ near V

$$h_s: N_\epsilon^s \rightarrow W_\epsilon^s, \quad h_s \circ N^s f = f|W_\epsilon^s \circ h_s.$$

At present W^u is fibered over V by the strong unstable fibers W^{uu} . We shall extend the fibration, f -invariantly, to be over W_ϵ^s .

Indeed let G be a fundamental domain of $W^s V$. That is, let G be a compact subset of W_ϵ^s satisfying

$$f^2 G \cap G = \emptyset, \\ \bigcup_{n \geq 0} f^n G \cup V \quad \text{is a neighborhood of } V \text{ in } W^s V.$$

Such domains exist by [6, 7]. Alternatively one could observe that a linear contractive bundle automorphism certainly has a fundamental domain: the closed unit disc bundle minus the image of the open unit disc bundle. Thus $N^s f$ has a fundamental domain and we could use h_s to give us one for $f|W_\epsilon^s$.

Over a neighborhood of G in W_ϵ^s introduce a C^1 fibration whose fibers meet $W^s V$ transversally at G , $\pi^u: U \rightarrow G$. As in [6, 7] the fibration π^u and $f_* \pi^u = f \circ \pi^u \circ f^{-1}$ can be averaged over a neighborhood of $G \cap fG$ so that an f -invariant fibration over G is achieved, call it again π^u . Then extend π^u to an entire neighborhood of V except $W_\epsilon^u V$ by f -iteration as in [6, 7]. By the λ -lemma [6] π^u extends regularly to the W^{uu} fibration: the union of the π^u fibers and the W^{uu} fibers forms a continuous fibration over W_ϵ^s and the tangent spaces to its fibers vary continuously, Call $\bar{\pi}^u$ the union of these two fibrations:

- $\bar{\pi}^u|W^u$ is the W^{uu} fibration,
- $\bar{\pi}^u$ is f -invariant regular,
- $\bar{\pi}^u: U \rightarrow W_\epsilon^s$ $\bar{\pi}^u|W_\epsilon^s$ is the identity.

For $y \in N^s(p)$ define $\tilde{N}^u(y)$ to be the affine translate of $N^u(p)$ to y in $N(p)$. This lets us look at N as a bundle over N^s and look at Nf as a bundle expansion over the base homeomorphism $N^s f$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N & \xrightarrow{Nf} & N \\ \tilde{\pi} \downarrow & & \downarrow \tilde{\pi} \\ N^s & \xrightarrow{N^s f} & N^s \end{array}$$

For the fibers of $\tilde{\pi}$ are the \tilde{N}^u 's and they are invariantly expanded by Nf . We intend to apply (2.2) when $N^s = X$, $V = X_0$. To lift f to N in such a way that it also covers $N^s f$ requires a nice parameterization of the $\tilde{\pi}^u$ fibers.

Define a homeomorphism $g: N_\epsilon \rightarrow \bar{U}$ such that

(i) $g(y) = h_s(y)$ if $y \in N^s(p)$,

(ii) $g|_{\tilde{N}_\epsilon^u}(y)$ is a C^1 diffeomorphism onto the fiber $(\tilde{\pi}^u)^{-1}(h_s y)$. Its derivative is continuous on N_ϵ and equals the inclusion $N^u(p) \hookrightarrow T_p M$ at $y = p \in V$.

That such a g exists will be seen in a moment. Now look at

$$f' = g^{-1} \circ f \circ g$$

which lifts f to N , near V , as a fiber preserving map locally covering $N^s f$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N_\epsilon & \xrightarrow{f'} & N \\ \tilde{\pi} \downarrow & & \downarrow \tilde{\pi} \\ N^s & \xrightarrow{N^s f} & N^s \end{array}$$

By (ii), Nf and f' are tangent along the $\tilde{\pi}$ -fibers at V . That is, $D(f'|_{\tilde{N}^u(p)})_p = Nf|_{N^u(p)} = N^u f(p)$. Restricting to a small neighborhood of V , as in (2.4), we can apply (2.2) and find a conjugacy

$$h \circ Nf = f' \circ h.$$

Put $H = g \circ h$. Then $H \circ Nf = g \circ h \circ Nf = g \circ f' \circ h = f \circ H$ so H is a conjugacy between Nf and f near V .

It remains to explain how the map $g: N_\epsilon \rightarrow \bar{U}$ was defined. We just work backwards. As in [3] we have a smooth exponential map, \exp . For $y \in N^s(p)$, the π^u -fiber through $h_s(y)$ is pulled back by \exp_p^{-1} to the graph of a C^1 map $\gamma: N_\epsilon^u(p) \rightarrow N^s(p) \oplus T_p V$. Let ρ be the projection $T_p M \rightarrow N^u(p)$ along $N^s(p) \oplus T_p V$. Then g can be defined as the composition

$$\tilde{N}_\epsilon^u(y) \xrightarrow{\rho} N_\epsilon^u(p) \xrightarrow{\text{graph } \gamma} T_p M \xrightarrow{\exp} (\tilde{\pi}^u)^{-1}(h_s y).$$

When $y = p$, g maps $N_\epsilon^u(p)$ onto $W_\epsilon^{uu}(p)$ the same as in [3] and its derivative is the inclusion required in (ii).

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

4. Flows

Turning to the case of flows, we should like to imitate (2.2), (2.4). Unfortunately, we cannot do this, but we can prove a theorem sufficiently general for our needs.

(4.1) Theorem. *Let $\{F^t\}$ be a continuous linear flow on a Banach bundle $\pi: E \rightarrow X$ covering the flow $\{f^t\}$ on the base X . Suppose the time one map is a uniform contraction on fibers:*

$$\|F^1|E_x\| \leq \alpha < 1 \quad \text{for all } x \in X.$$

Let U be a negatively invariant nonempty subset of X . Let $\{G^t\}$ be a local flow over U also covering $\{f^t\}$, leaving the zero section of E invariant and being close to $\{f^t\}$:

$$L(F^t - G^t|E_x) \leq \mu < \min(\frac{1}{3}\beta, 1 - \alpha) \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1 \quad x \in U$$

for $\beta = \inf\{m(F^t|E_x): x \in X, 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$. Then $\{F^t\}$ and $\{G^t\}$ are conjugate over U near the zero section. Similarly for a uniform expansion.

Remark. By “negatively invariant” we mean

$$f^t(x) \in U \quad \text{for all } t \leq 0 \text{ and } x \in U.$$

By “local flow over U ” we mean that $G^t(y)$ is defined, continuous, and has the group property, $G^{t+s}(y) = G^t(G^s(y))$, on its domain. This must include

$$\{(t, y): 0 \leq t \leq 1, |y| \leq \varepsilon, \Pi y \in U\} \cup \{(t, G_s(y)): s \geq 0, -s \leq t \leq 0\}$$

for some $\varepsilon > 0$.

Remark 2. It is the problem of extending a non-smooth flow on a non-smooth manifold that forces us back to a local proof of this theorem, in contrast to the Banach space case [8].

Remark 3. If F^1 is hyperbolic, instead of purely contracting, we do not know whether the theorem holds.

(4.2) Lemma. *If $F: E \rightarrow E'$ is a Banach space isomorphism and $h: U \rightarrow E'$ for $U \subset E$ satisfies*

$$h(0) = 0, \quad L(h) < \frac{1}{3} m(F)$$

then $|F + h|$ is radially monotone.

Proof. For $x \in E, x \neq 0$, we must show that $|(F + h)(\lambda x)|$ increases as λ increases, $\lambda > 0$. When $0 < \lambda < 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} |(F + h)(\lambda x)| &= \lambda \left| Fx + \frac{1}{\lambda} h(\lambda x) \right| \\ &= \lambda |Fx + h(x) + \frac{1}{\lambda} [(h(\lambda x) - h(x)) + (h(x) - \lambda h(x))]| \\ &\leq \lambda |(F + h)(x)| + |h(\lambda x) - h(x)| + |h(x) - \lambda h(x)| \\ &\leq \lambda |(F + h)(x)| + L(h)(1 - \lambda)|x| + (1 - \lambda)|h(x)|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} |(F+h)(x)| - |(F+h)(\lambda x)| &\geq (1-\lambda)[|(F+h)(x)| - L(h)|x| - |h(x)|] \\ &\geq (1-\lambda)[m(F) - 3L(h)]|x| > 0 \end{aligned}$$

which proves the lemma.

Proof of (4.1). Consider the functions defined for $y \in E(\varepsilon) \cap \pi^{-1}U$ by

$$g(y) = \int_0^1 |G^t(y)| dt, \quad f(y) = \int_0^1 |F^t y| dt.$$

We claim that

(i) The flow $\{G^t\}$ is topologically transverse to the level surface of g off the zero section.

(ii) $g^{-1}(\varepsilon\mu)$ cuts every radius of $E(\varepsilon) \cap \Pi^{-1}U$ exactly once.

(iii) $g \circ G^t y$ and $|G^t(y)|$ become small, as t grows large, at controlled rates until, if ever, $f^t(\pi y)$ leaves U .

(iv) Similarly for $f, \{F^t\}$.

Note that (i, ii, iii) \Rightarrow (iv) by taking $G^t \equiv F^t$.

For $0 < |y| \leq \varepsilon, \pi y \in U$, and $0 < t < 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} g(G^t y) &= \int_0^1 |G^{t+s}(y)| ds = \int_t^{t+1} |G^s(y)| ds = \int_0^t |G^1 G^s(y)| ds + \int_t^1 |G^s(y)| ds \\ &\leq (\alpha + \mu) \int_0^t |G^s(y)| ds + \int_t^1 |G^s(y)| ds \end{aligned}$$

so that $g \circ G^s(y)$ decreases as t increases. This proves (i).

By (4.2); the integrand $|G^t(\lambda y)|$, for any fixed (t, y) is monotone in $\lambda, 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$. Clearly its integral also is: $g(y)$ is radially monotone. If $|y| = \varepsilon$ then

$$g(y) \geq (\beta - \mu)|y| > \mu\varepsilon$$

so that for some unique $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < 1, g(\lambda y) = \varepsilon\mu$. This proves (ii).

(iii) follows at once from the estimates on $\{F^t\}$.

By (ii), (iv) we can define a homeomorphism

$$H: g^{-1}(\varepsilon\mu) \rightarrow f^{-1}(\varepsilon\mu)$$

by sliding along radii. Then we extend H by setting

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{H}|G^t(g^{-1}(\varepsilon\mu)) &= F^t \circ H \circ G^{-t}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq \infty, \\ \bar{H}(y) &= y \quad \text{for } \pi y \in U, |y| = 0 \end{aligned}$$

(i) insures \bar{H} is well defined. Since F^t, G^t cover the same map on X, \bar{H} preserves fibers and covers 1. By (iii), (iv) \bar{H} is defined on all of

$g^{-1}([0, \varepsilon\mu])$ and is continuous at 0. The inverse of \bar{H} is given by

$$\bar{H}^{-1}|_{F^t(f^{-1}(\varepsilon\mu))} = G^t \circ H^{-1} \circ F^{-t} \quad 0 \leq t \leq \infty$$

and for the same reasons is well defined, continuous, and defined on all of $f^{-1}([0, \varepsilon\mu])$. By construction \bar{H} conjugates the two flows. The expanding case is treated by taking reverses of all flows, $\{F^{-t}\}$, $\{G^{-t}\}$, etc.

In order to produce smooth fundamental domains for flows we must use some Lyapunov theory.

(4.3) Theorem. *If $\{f^t\}$ is a C^1 flow on a finite dimensional smooth manifold M and if V is a uniform attractor then there is a smooth Lyapunov function for the flow at V , $H: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$:*

$$H^{-1}(0) = V,$$

H decreases along trajectories near V .

Proof [9]. By “uniform attractor” we mean that for some compact neighborhood K of V

$$\bigcap_{t \geq 0} K_t = V \quad \text{where } K_t = \{f^s(x) : x \in K, s \geq t\}.$$

Now we are ready to prove Theorem 2 that a normally hyperbolic flow can be linearized.

Proof of Theorem 2. $\{f^t\}$ is a C^1 flow on M leaving V invariant. One f^a is normally hyperbolic at V . By [3] all f^t , $t \neq 0$, are and the splitting $T_V M = N^u \oplus TV \oplus N^s$ is independent of t . By [3] the stable, strong stable, unstable, and strong unstable manifolds for f^a are the same as those for f^t , $t a > 0$.

As in Theorem 1 we have three cases.

Case 1. $N^s = 0$. Using (4.1) instead of (2.1), the proof is the same as for Case 1 of Theorem 1.

Case 2. $N^u = 0$. Apply Case 1 to $\{f^{-t}\}$.

Case 3. $N^u \neq 0 \neq N^s$. In W_ε^s there exists a C^1 submanifold B of co-dimension one bounding a neighborhood of V , and across which $X = \frac{d}{dt} f^t \Big|_{t=0}$ points transversally inwards. B 's existence is assured by the Lyapunov Theorem (4.3).

Over B we erect a C^1 fibration π^u whose fibers are transverse to W_ε^s as in [6, 7]. Then let f^t act on π^u by

$$f^t \circ \pi^u \circ f^{-t}.$$

Since B and π^u are C^1 and the flow is *differentiably* transverse to B this produces, locally, a C^1 fibration, also called π^u , over a neighborhood of B in W_ϵ^s . By the λ -lemma it tends regularly to the W^{uu} -fibration of W_ϵ^u as $t \rightarrow \infty$. The union of the π^u and the W^{uu} fibrations is a fibration, $\tilde{\pi}^u$, over W_ϵ^s whose fibers have continuously varying tangent planes. (Of course, we always cut the $\tilde{\pi}^u$ -fibers down to a fixed neighborhood of V .) As in Theorem 1

- $\tilde{\pi}^u|W^u$ is the W^{uu} -fibration,
- $\tilde{\pi}^u$ is f^t invariant, $t \geq 0$, and regular,
- $\tilde{\pi}^u: \bar{U} \rightarrow W_\epsilon^s$, $\tilde{\pi}^u|W_\epsilon^s$ is the identity.

By Case 1, there is a homeomorphism $h_s: N_\epsilon^s \rightarrow W_\epsilon^s$ conjugating $\{N^s f^t\}$ and $\{f^t|W_\epsilon^s\}$.

As in Theorem 1 define $\tilde{N}^u(y)$ to be the affine translate of $N^u(p)$ to y in $N(p)$ when $y \in N^s(p)$. Then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N & \xrightarrow{N f^t} & N \\ \tilde{\pi} \downarrow & & \downarrow \tilde{\pi} \\ N^s & \xrightarrow{N^s f^t} & N^s \end{array}$$

is a purely expanding bundle flow over the base flow $\{N^s f^t\}$. The $\tilde{\pi}$ -fibers are the \tilde{N}^u .

Let g be the same parameterization of the $\tilde{\pi}^u$ -fibration as in Theorem 1. Putting

$$G^t = g^{-1} \circ f^t \circ g$$

lifts $\{f^t\}$ to N_ϵ as a fiber preserving flow locally covering $\{N^s f^t\}$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} N_\epsilon & \xrightarrow{G^t} & N \\ \tilde{\pi} \downarrow & & \downarrow \tilde{\pi} \\ N^s & \xrightarrow{N^s f^t} & N^s \end{array}$$

As in Theorem 1, $N f^t$ and G^t are tangent along the $\tilde{\pi}$ -fibers at V . Restricting to a small enough neighborhood of V , as in (2.4), we may apply (4.7) to produce a conjugacy h between $\{G^t\}$ and $\{N f^t\}$ near V . As in Theorem 1, $g \circ h$ conjugates $\{N f^t\}$ to $\{f^t\}$ near V .

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