

# Numerical verification of existence of homoclinic orbits in dynamical systems

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# Introduction

We propose

- Numerical verification methods to prove existence of homoclinic orbits in dynamical systems described by ODEs.

We treat an example problem with a saddle equilibrium in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  of

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$$

which has

- 1-dimensional stable manifold and 2-dimensional unstable manifold.

# Introduction

Previous research:

D. Wilczak,

*The Existence of Shilnikov Homoclinic Orbits in the Michelson System: A Computer Assisted Proof,*

Foundations of Computational Mathematics,

6(4), 2006, pp. 495-535.

# Introduction

Taking the assistance of reversibility, they reduce to problems for verifying connecting orbits of hyperbolic equilibria with

- 1-dimensional unstable manifold and 2-dimensional stable manifold.

In this case they can use a kind of intermediate value theorem with

- separating functions

to capture homoclinic and heteroclinic orbits.

In order to follow the unstable manifold, they use a topological tool so called

- covering relation.

## Introduction

We will treat a problem which is hard to convert to have 1-dimensional unstable manifold because of numerical instability. In this case it is not easy to construct a separating function. Instead we use

- mapping degree and Brouwer coincidence theorem.

In order to specify the stable and unstable manifolds, our previous works on

- verified numerical methods of constructing Lyapunov functions

are available :

K. Matsue, T. Hiwaki and N. Yamamoto,

*On the construction of Lyapunov functions with computer assistance,*

arXiv preprint, arXiv:1604.05953

## Our problem

Consider an autonomous system of ODEs :

$$\frac{d}{dt}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p}), \quad \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{f} \in \mathbb{R}^3, \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is a pair of parameters  $\mathbf{p} = (a, b)$ .

Suppose the following :

- For some parameter set, the system (1) may have a hyperbolic equilibrium with 2-dimensional unstable manifold such that a homoclinic orbit is expected to exit.
- For simplicity, the system (1) should have the same equilibrium  $x^*$  for any parameter set .

# Our Aim

Our Aim is

- to prove existence of a homoclinic orbit ,

more precisely,

- to specify a narrow area which contains a parameter set attaining the existence of a homoclinic orbit.

# Our Approach

## Preparation :

- Find a parameter set to have a homoclinic-like flow, and compute the approximate flow.
- Then chose a small rectangular domain which contains the parameter set.
- And then construct Lyapunov functions for each parameter sets in the rectangle.

Since the rectangle is chosen to be small, it is often possible to find a fixed quadratic form to be Lyapunov function for all parameter sets in the rectangle.



## Our Approach

In order to construct a Lyapunov function,

- Chose a quadratic form

$$(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*)^T Y (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*)$$

by solving Lyapunov equation at the equilibrium.

Then specify

- a domain  $D_L$  including the equilibrium where the quadratic form is a Lyapunov function w.r.t. the equilibrium.

## Our Approach

In order to do that, using verified numerics, we make sure that

- the cone condition holds within the domain  $D_L$  from negative definiteness of

$$Df(\mathbf{x})^T Y + Y Df(\mathbf{x}),$$

where  $Df(\mathbf{x})$  denotes the Jacobi matrix of  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{p})$  w.r.t.  $\mathbf{x}$ .

Again, since the rectangle is small, it is often possible to specify  $D_L$  to be a common subset of the domains of Lyapunov functions for all parameter sets in the rectangle.

## Our Approach

### **This is our approach :**

Consider a mapping consisting of two parts:

1. a continuous mapping from the rectangle of parameter sets to points on the unstable manifolds within  $D_L$ .
2. each flow from a point on the unstable manifold to a point on the 0-level set of Lyapunov function.

Then check

- the mapping degree,

and apply

- Brouwer coincidence theorem

in order to verify that there exists a pair of parameters in the rectangle which is mapped to the equilibrium on the 0-level set.

# Our Approach

This approach is

- carried on by verified numerics

and then gives

- a proof of the existence of a homoclinic orbit corresponding to the pair of parameters.

## Brouwer coincidence theorem

- $B^2$  : a unit circle in  $\mathbb{R}^2$
- $S^1$  : the circumference of  $B^2$
- $F$  : a continuous mapping  $B^2 \rightarrow B^2$  which satisfies  $F(S^1) \subset S^1$

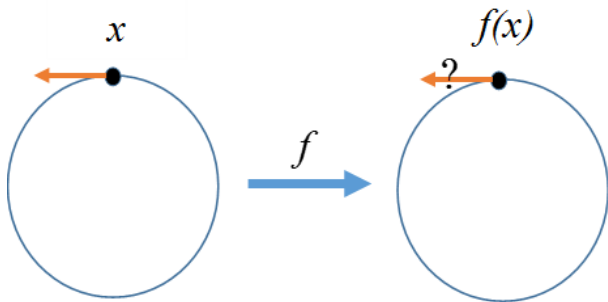
If the degree of the mapping  $F(S^1)$  is not 0,  
then for an arbitrary continuous mapping  $G : B^2 \rightarrow B^2$ ,

- there exists a point  $\mathbf{x} \in B^2$  s.t.

$$F(\mathbf{x}) = G(\mathbf{x}).$$

## 写像度

円周  $S^1$  について,  $F : S^1 \rightarrow S^1$  となる連続写像  $F$  を考える. 点  $x$  が  $S^1$  上を正の向きに一周するとき, その像  $F(x)$  が  $S^1$  上を何周するかを, 符号まで考えて数えたときの整数を写像度と呼ぶ.



# Interval Simplex Theorem

In order to check the degree

- It is not sufficient to compute the images of the mapping by verified computation.

IS Theorem is derived by the authors to give a way

- how to prove that the degree of a continuous mapping  $F$  is not 0 by interval arithmetic.

## Interval Simplex Theorem

Consider mappings on the complex plane.

- Divide  $S^1$  into  $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3$  as follows.

$$Y_1 = \{z \in S^1 \mid 0 \leq \arg(z) \leq 2\pi s_1\},$$

$$Y_2 = \{z \in S^1 \mid 2\pi s_1 \leq \arg(z) \leq 2\pi s_2\},$$

$$Y_3 = \{z \in S^1 \mid 2\pi s_2 \leq \arg(z) \leq 2\pi\},$$

where  $0 < s_1 < s_2 < 1$ .

- Compute three sets  $V_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) which contains  $F(Y_i)$  respectively.

Computation should be carried on by interval arithmetic and verified numerics.



## Interval Simplex Theorem

The degree of  $F$  is not 0 if the following conditions hold.

$$V_1 \cup V_2 \cup V_3 = S^1,$$

$$V_1 \cap V_2 \neq \phi,$$

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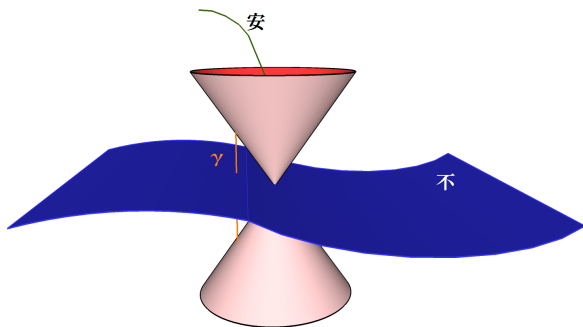
$$V_1 \cap V_2 \cap V_3 = \phi.$$

$\phi$  : the empty set

## Steps to verify homoclinic orbits

1. Take two parameters w.r.t.  $\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$ , the right-hand side of given system of ODEs, and write them  $a, b$  and  $\mathbf{p} = (a, b)$ .
2. Take a rectangular domain  $D_P = \{(a, b) | a \in [\underline{a}, \bar{a}], b \in [\underline{b}, \bar{b}]\}$ .  
Note that we use  $\partial D_P$ , the boundary of  $D_P$ , instead of  $S^1$  taking an isomorphism from  $S^1$  to  $\partial D_P$ .
3. Construct a Lyapunov function  $L(\mathbf{x})$  and specify its domain  $D_L$  by verified computation. Draw a cone as the 0-level set of the Lyapunov function.
4. Take a line segment  $\gamma \subset D_L$  whose end points are settled on the upper and the lower part of the cone.

5. Specify small intervals which include the intersection points of  $\gamma$  and the unstable manifolds. It is proved that these points are unique and continuous w.r.t. parameter  $p \in D_P$  by virtue of the cone condition.
6. Taking the above intervals as initial interval values, calculate the flows by e.g. Lohner method. Verify that the flows once go out of  $D_L$  and come into  $D_L$  again, and stay within the body of the cone.



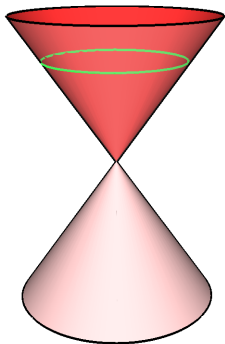
The flows within the body of the cone should

- run out through the 0-level set  $L^{-1}(0)$ ,  
or
- run toward the equilibrium  $\boldsymbol{x}^*$ .

This means that we can construct a continuous mapping

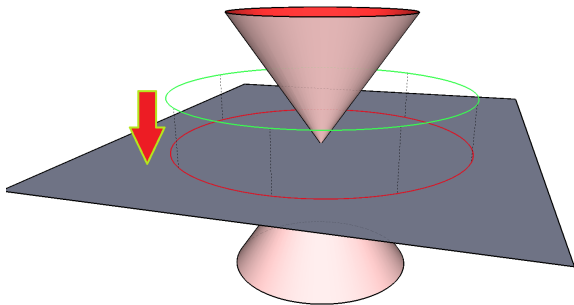
$$F : D_P \rightarrow L^{-1}(0)$$

7. Verify that the parameter sets on  $\partial D$  have their images on  $L^{-1}(0)$ , which surrounds the axis of the cone.
8. Verify the degree of  $F$  is not 0 by our IS theorem.



In practical verification we use the following steps.

7. Consider a plane  $\Gamma$  which includes the equilibrium. Compute the flows w.r.t.  $p \in \partial D_P$  up to a certain time. Verify that the set of the end points of the flows surrounds the cone body. Then project the set onto  $\Gamma$  and let  $\hat{S}$  denotes its image.
8. Check the degree of the mapping  $\hat{F}$  from  $\partial D_P$  to  $\hat{S}$ , and verify that it is not 0.



## Notes:

- Lyapunov functions enable us to capture a region in  $D_L$  where the unstable manifolds exist.
- In order to guarantee the continuity of the mapping  $F$ , a technique on substitution integration so called Lyapunov Tracing is applied.
- We have to check other conditions on the boundary of  $D_L$ .
- We use more complicated arguments to construct the mapping  $F$  in actual, e.g. applying a shrinking method to  $\hat{S}$ .
- The degrees of  $F$  and  $\hat{F}$  coincide as long as the inclination of the axis of the cone is not too much.
- With some additional conditions,  $\hat{F}$  allows us to extend our method to the cases that equilibriums and Lyapunov functions are varied w.r.t. the parameters.

## Example

We use Intlab for verified computation on our examples.

- System of ODEs

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -y - z \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = x + ay \\ \frac{dz}{dt} = bx - cz + xz \end{cases}$$

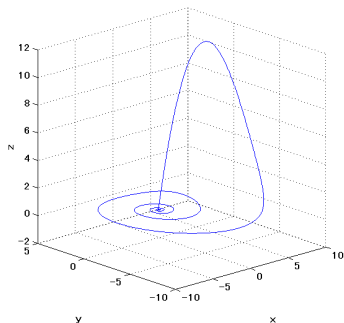


Figure: Approximation to homoclinic orbit



## Example

- The origin is an equilibrium for any coefficients.
- The system has 1-dimensional stable manifold and 2-dimensional unstable manifold.
- It is observed that the system may have a homoclinic orbit when  $a = 0.38, b = 0.30, c = 4.82$ .

西浦廉政 (Y. Nishiura) "非平衡ダイナミクスの数理", 岩波書店, 2009

# Parameters

- We take the coefficients  $a$  and  $b$  as parameters since the solution has more sensitivity to those than the coefficient  $c$ .
- The rectangular domain of parameter sets :

$$D_P = [0.3797, 0.3804] \times [0.2993, 0.3008].$$

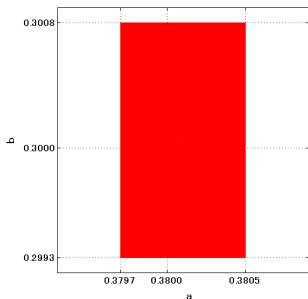


Figure: Parameter sets

## Construction of Lyapunov function

- We construct a Lyapunov function  $L$  w.r.t. the equilibrium  $\mathbf{x}^* = (0, 0, 0)$ .

Using Jacobi matrix of the right-hand side at  $\mathbf{x}^*$  for  $a = 0.38, b = 0.30$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} L(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\lambda}) &= (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*)^T Y(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*) \\ &= \mathbf{x}^T \begin{pmatrix} -1.0671 & -0.2324 & 0.1424 \\ -0.2324 & -1.0584 & -0.0071 \\ 0.1424 & -0.0071 & 1.0257 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

is derived as a candidate for Lyapunov function.

## Specify the domain of Lyapunov function

It is verified that the function  $L$  is a Lyapunov function for any parameters in  $D_P$  within

$$[x] = [-1.0, 1.0]$$

$$[y] = [-1.0, 1.0]$$

$$[z] = [-0.5, 1.0]$$

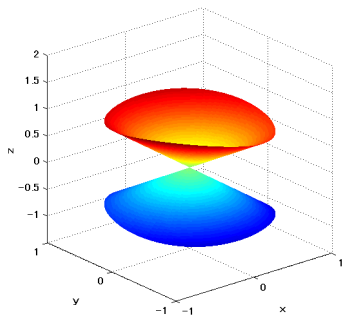


Figure: The cone  $L = 0$

## Specify the points on the unstable manifolds

The line segment  $\gamma$  : the end points are settled on the upper and the lower part of the cone.

- We take  $\gamma$  as a segment parallel to the  $z$  axis including a point on the approximate homoclinic orbit.
- Using verified computation, we have an interval part of  $\gamma$  which includes the intersection points between  $\gamma$  and the unstable manifolds:

$$(1.0 \times 10^{-5}, 1.0 \times 10^{-4}, [-5.8 \times 10^{-7}, -5.6 \times 10^{-7}])$$

for any parameter within  $D_P$ .

# Integration

- Taking the above interval part as an initial interval value, we integrate the trajectories and have verified that all trajectories for  $D_P$  come into the cone body until a certain time.
- We integrate the trajectories for the parameters on the boundary  $\partial D_P$  for longer time.
- For parameters over  $\partial D_P$ , a ring surrounding the cone is observed.

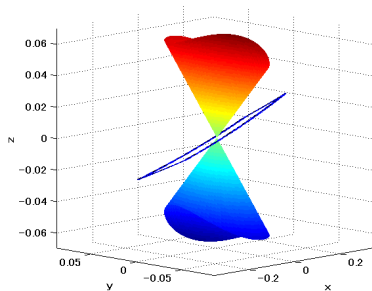


Figure: ring surrounding the cone

## Projection to $\Gamma$

- We take the xy plane as the plane  $\Gamma$ .
- The ring is projected on  $\Gamma$  and  $\hat{S}$  denotes its image.
- In this case the projection maps any ring surrounding the cone to a ring surrounding the equilibrium. Therefore the degrees of  $F$  and  $\hat{F}$  w.r.t. the equilibrium are the same.

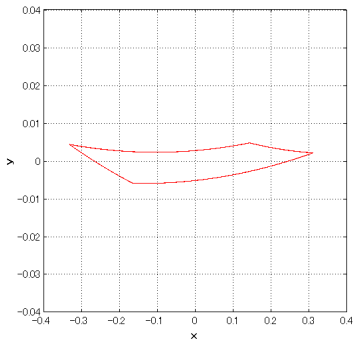


Figure:  $\hat{S}$

## Verify the degree

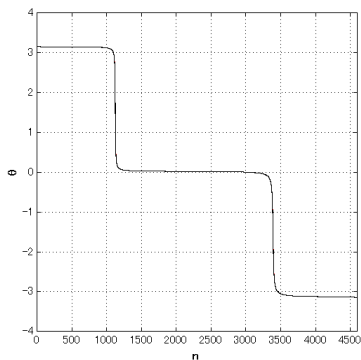
- We have applied the IS theorem to this example and verified that the degree of  $\hat{F}$  is not 0.
- Consequently we have verified the existence of a homoclinic orbit for a certain parameter set within the domain  $D_P$ .



## Verify the degree

Besides, we illustrate how  $\hat{F}$  maps the points on the boundary which shows the degree is 1.

- Chose 5000 points on  $\partial D_P$ .
- Calculate the images on  $\hat{S}$  and put out the angles  $\theta_i$  of the position vectors of the images to positive direction of the  $x$  axis.
- Plotting  $\theta_i$ , we can observe that the angles change from  $\pi$  to  $-\pi$  when  $\mathbf{p} \in \partial D_P$  moves clockwise.



## Concluding Remarks

- We present a numerical verification method for existence of homoclinic orbits with 2-dimensional unstable manifolds.
- We adopt Brouwer coincidence theorem and mapping degree.
- A new theorem is derived in order to check the degree by interval arithmetic.
- This method can be applied to other cases, e.g. heteroclinic orbits or higher dimensional problems, as long as they have 2-dimensional unstable manifolds.
- To treat higher dimensional unstable manifolds, we have to derive IS theorem for  $S^n$ ,  $n > 1$ . This would be our future work.