

Stable and Unstable Manifolds I

This notes is about stable and unstable manifolds for hyperbolic fixed points of diffeomorphisms.

Let $\bar{q}$ be a hyperbolic fixed point of a diffeomorphism f in $\mathbb{R}^d$. Denote

$$\sigma^s = \sigma(Df(\bar{q})) \cap \{|z| < 1\} \text{ and } \sigma^u = \sigma(Df(\bar{q})) \cap \{|z| > 1\}$$

the set of stable eigenvalues and, respectively, the set of unstable eigenvalues of the linearization $Df(\bar{q})$.

Definition 1. Let $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ be a diffeomorphism and $\bar{q}$ be a nonsingular fixed point. The stable manifold of the fixed point $\bar{q}$ for f is

$$W^s = \{p : \{f^n(p)\}_{n=0}^\infty \text{ is a bounded sequence.}\}$$

The unstable manifold of the fixed point is

$$W^u = \{p : \{f^{-n}(p)\}_{n=0}^\infty \text{ is a bounded sequence.}\}$$

Theorem 1 (Stable Manifold Theorem). Let $\bar{q}$ be a hyperbolic fixed point of a diffeomorphism f in $\mathbb{R}^d$ with hyperbolic splitting $\mathbb{R}^d \cong \mathbb{E}^s \oplus \mathbb{E}^u$ for the linearization $Df(\bar{q})$. Then a sufficiently small $\|f - Df(\bar{q})\|_1$ implies W^s is the graph of a C^1 function $\phi_u : \mathbb{E}^s \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^u$

$$W^s = \text{graph}(\phi_u),$$

and the tangent space of W^s at the fixed point is the stable eigenspace

$$\mathbb{T}_{\bar{q}}W^s = \mathbb{E}^s.$$

Moreover, f is a uniform contraction on W^s . In addition, let α be any constant satisfying

$$\max\{|\sigma^s|\} < \alpha < 1,$$

then for any $p \in W^s$ there is a constant R so that

$$\|f^n(p) - \bar{q}\| \leq R\alpha^n, \text{ for all } n \geq 0.$$

Furthermore, if f is C^k , $k \geq 1$, and all its derivatives $D^j f$, $1 \leq j \leq k$, are bounded, then ϕ_u is also C^k with bounded derivatives.

Let $\lambda_1 = \max\{|\sigma^s|\} < 1$ and $\lambda_2 = \min\{|\sigma^u|\} > 1$. Then $[\lambda_1, \lambda_2]$ is a pseudo-hyperbolic split for J . In addition, the condition $\lambda_1^k \leq \lambda_1 < 1 < \lambda_2$ holds automatically for any $k \geq 1$. Hence, the result follows from the λ -Left Manifold Theorem. Here in this note, we provide a direct proof which is an application of the Uniform Contraction Principle. The main idea is to construct the center-stable manifold function ϕ_u as part of a fixed point of a uniform contraction map. We will break it up into a few lemmas.

Before doing so, we recall a few facts for the system. We first choose a coordinate system (x, y) for the hyperbolic splitting in which $Df(\bar{q}) \cong \text{diag}(A_s, A_u)$. An adapted norm is also chosen so that for any constant α from the statement of the theorem we can fix two more constants ν and $\bar{\alpha}$ so that the following inequalities hold

$$\|A_s\| < \nu < \alpha < 1 \text{ and } \|A_u^{-1}\| < \bar{\alpha} < 1. \quad (1)$$

Second, by the Variation of Parameters Formula Theorem, for sufficiently small $\|f - Df(\bar{q})\|_1$, the map $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = f(x, y)$ is equivalent to

$$\begin{cases} \bar{x} = A_s x + h_s(x, y) \\ y = A_u^{-1} \bar{y} + h_u(\bar{x}, \bar{y}), \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

and for any orbit, $p_n = (x_n, y_n) = f(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1})$, $n \geq 0$,

$$\begin{cases} x_n = A_s^{n-\ell} x_\ell + \sum_{i=\ell+1}^n A_s^{n-i} h_s(x_{i-1}, y_{i-1}) \\ y_n = A_u^{n-m} y_m + \sum_{i=n+1}^m A_u^{n+1-i} h_u(x_i, y_i). \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

We only need orbits from the stable manifold, $(x_0, y_0) \in W^s$, and fix $\ell = 0$ from now on. Also, by the variation of parameter formula theorem, the functions h_s, h_u are all C^1 satisfying

$$h_s(0, 0) = 0, Dh_s(0, 0) = 0, h_u(0, 0) = 0, Dh_u(0, 0) = 0 \quad (4)$$

and they are globally Lipschitz with Lipschitz constants satisfying

$$L = \max\{\text{Lip}(h_s, h_u)\} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \|f - Df(\bar{q})\|_1 \rightarrow 0. \quad (5)$$

We will repeatedly use this formula for geometric sequences

$$a + ar + ar^2 + \dots + ar^{n-1} = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}, \text{ for } r \neq 1$$

and its differentiation formulas in r .

Lemma 1. *Let*

$$\ell^\infty = \{\gamma = \{p_n\}_{n=0}^\infty : p_n = (x_n, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^d, \sup\{\|p_n\| : n \geq 0\} < +\infty\}$$

be the Banach space of bounded infinite sequences with the supreme norm

$$\|\gamma\|_\infty = \sup\{\|p_n\| : n \geq 0\}.$$

For any $\gamma \in \ell^\infty$, $\gamma = \{p_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$, let $\bar{\gamma} = T(\gamma)$ be defined by the equations below

$$\begin{cases} \bar{x}_n = A_s^n x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n A_s^{n-i} h_s(p_{i-1}) \\ \bar{y}_n = \sum_{i=n+1}^\infty A_u^{n+1-i} h_u(p_i). \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

Then $T : \ell^\infty \rightarrow \ell^\infty$. More importantly, $p \in W^s$ if and only if the orbit $\gamma_p = \{f^n(p)\}_{n=0}^\infty$ is a fixed point of T with

$$p = (x_0, y_0) = (x_0, \sum_{i=1}^\infty A_u^{1-i} h_u(p_i)). \quad (7)$$

Proof. Because $h_i(0) = 0$, $\|h_i(p)\| \leq L\|p\|$. Since $\|A^j\| < \nu^j$, $\|A_u^{-j}\| < \bar{\alpha}^j$ for any $j \geq 0$, we have

$$\|\bar{x}_n\| \leq \nu^n \|x_0\| + \sum_{i=1}^n \nu^{n-i} L \|p_{i-1}\| \leq \left(\nu + \frac{L}{1-\nu}\right) \|\gamma\|,$$

and

$$\|\bar{y}_n\| \leq \sum_{i=n+1}^{\infty} \bar{\alpha}^{i-n-1} L \|p_i\| \leq \frac{L}{1-\bar{\alpha}} \|\gamma\|,$$

implying

$$\|\bar{\gamma}\| \leq \left(\nu + \frac{L}{1-\nu} + \frac{L}{1-\bar{\alpha}}\right) \|\gamma\|,$$

and $T : \ell^\infty \rightarrow \ell^\infty$ follows.

Now for every $p = (x_0, y_0) \in W^s$, because of $\gamma_p = \{p_n = f^n(p)\}_{n=1}^\infty \in \ell^\infty$, the first term of the y_n -equation in (3) tends to 0 as $m \rightarrow \infty$. The partial sum term of the y_n -equation converges because of the convergence of the series by the estimate for $\bar{y}_n$ above. Hence, by taking $m \rightarrow \infty$ in (3) we obtain

$$\begin{cases} x_n = A_s^n x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n A_s^{n-i} h_s(p_{i-1}) \\ y_n = \sum_{i=n+1}^\infty A_u^{n+1-i} h_u(p_i), \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

showing γ_p is a fixed point of T . Conversely, let $\gamma = \{p_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \in \ell^\infty$ be a fixed point T , satisfying (8). Then it is straightforward to check

$$x_{n+1} = A_s x_n + h_s(x_n, y_n) \quad \text{and} \quad y_n = A_u^{-1} y_{n+1} + h_u(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1})$$

hold for all $n \geq 0$, and by (2) the sequence must be an orbit of f , namely, $p_n = f(p_{n-1})$ for all $n \geq 1$. As a result, the initial point $p = (x_0, y_0)$ must be given by (7). $\square$

Lemma 2. *There is a Lipschitz continuous function $\phi_u \in C^{0,1}(\mathbb{E}^s, \mathbb{E}^u)$ so that $\phi_u(0) = 0$ and*

$$W^s = \text{graph}(\phi_u). \quad (9)$$

Proof. By Lemma 1, we know that $p \in W^s$ if and only if p is the initial point of a sequence $\gamma \in \ell^\infty$ which is a fixed point of the map T defined by (6) and (7) holds. To show the existence of such a fixed point, we will consider T as a parameterized map by $x_0 \in \mathbb{E}^s$ and show that $T(\cdot, x_0) : \ell^\infty \rightarrow \ell^\infty$, $x_0 \in \mathbb{E}^s$, is a uniform contraction. Specifically, let γ, γ' and $\bar{\gamma} = T(\gamma, x_0)$, $\bar{\gamma}' = T(\gamma', x_0)$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\bar{x}_n - \bar{x}'_n\| &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \|A_s^{n-i} [h_s(p_{i-1}) - h_s(p'_{i-1})]\| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \nu^{n-i} L \|p_{i-1} - p'_{i-1}\| \\ &\leq \frac{L}{1-\nu} \|\gamma - \gamma'\|_\infty \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|\bar{y}_n - \bar{y}'_n\| &\leq \sum_{i=n+1}^\infty \|A_u^{n+1-i} [h_u(p_i) - h_u(p'_i)]\| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=n+1}^\infty \bar{\alpha}^{i-n-1} L \|p_i - p'_i\| \\ &\leq \frac{L}{1-\bar{\alpha}} \|\gamma - \gamma'\|_\infty. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Hence

$$\|T(\gamma, x_0) - T(\gamma', x_0)\|_\infty \leq L\left(\frac{1}{1-\nu} + \frac{1}{1-\bar{\alpha}}\right)\|\gamma - \gamma'\|_\infty.$$

Therefore, for sufficiently small $\|f - Df(\bar{q})\|_1$ we can assume by (5)

$$\theta := L\left(\frac{1}{1-\nu} + \frac{1}{1-\bar{\alpha}}\right) < 1 \quad (12)$$

and $T(\cdot, x_0)$ has a unique fixed point

$$\gamma^*(x_0) = \{p_n(x_0)\}_{n=0}^\infty, \quad p_n(x_0) = (x_n(x_0), y_n(x_0)), \quad n \geq 0 \quad (13)$$

for each $x_0 \in \mathbb{E}^s$. Furthermore, since $\|A_s^n\| < \nu^n < 1, n \geq 1$, it is straightforward to show $T(\gamma, x_0)$ is Lipschitz continuous in x_0 with

$$\|T(\gamma, x_0) - T(\gamma, x_0')\|_\infty \leq \|x_0 - x_0'\|.$$

Thus by the Uniform Contraction Principle I, $\gamma^*(x_0)$ is Lipschitz continuous with

$$\|\gamma^*(x_0) - \gamma^*(x_0')\|_\infty \leq \frac{1}{1-\theta}\|x_0 - x_0'\|. \quad (14)$$

Define

$$\phi_u(x_0) = y_0(x_0) = \sum_{i=1}^\infty A_u^{1-i} h_u(p_i(x_0)), \quad (15)$$

the y -coordinate of the initial point of the fixed point $\gamma^*(x_0)$. Then by (14),

$$\|\phi_u(x_0) - \phi_u(x_0')\| \leq \frac{1}{1-\theta}\|x_0 - x_0'\|,$$

proving $\phi_u : \mathbb{E}^s \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^u$ is Lipschitz continuous. Because every orbit from $(x_0, y_0) = (x_0, y_0) \in W^s$ is the fixed point of $T(\cdot, x_0)$ for which $(x_0, y_0) = (x_0, \phi_u(x_0))$, the graph identity (9) holds. Also, since the zero sequence $\gamma_0 = \{0\}$ corresponds to the fixed point $\bar{q}$ which is obviously in W^s , we have from (15) and the property $h(0) = 0$ that $\phi_u(0) = 0$. $\square$

Lemma 3. *If $f \in C^k(\mathbb{R}^d)$, then $\phi_u \in C^k(\mathbb{E}^s, \mathbb{E}^u)$, and $T_{\bar{q}}W^s = \mathbb{E}^s$.*

Proof. To show $\phi_u(\cdot)$ is as smooth as f , it suffices to show the fixed point $\gamma^*(\cdot)$ is as smooth as f . By the Uniform Contraction Principle II, we only need to show $T \in C^k(\ell^\infty \times \mathbb{E}^s, \ell^\infty)$ and $\|D_\gamma T(\gamma, x_0)\|$ is uniformly bounded by a constant smaller than 1.

To show T is C^k in x_0 , we note first that

$$[D_{x_0}T(\gamma, x_0)]_{n,s} = A_s^n, \quad \text{and} \quad [D_{x_0}T(\gamma, x_0)]_{n,u} = 0.$$

This implies any mixed derivative in γ and x_0 are the zero operators, hence well-defined and exists. So, we only need to show T is C^k separately in γ and x_0 . For the latter, the identity above shows

$$\|[D_{x_0}T(\gamma, x_0)]_n\| \leq \|A_s^n\| \leq \nu^n < 1$$

and $\|D_{x_0}T(\gamma, x_0)\|_\infty \leq 1$ follows. Also, $D_{x_0}^j T(\gamma, x_0) = 0$, for $2 \leq j \leq k$. Hence, T is C^k in x_0 .

T is C^k in γ because all derivatives of f to order k are uniformly bounded. This can be seen from the first derivative of T . In fact, for $\gamma = \{p_n\}$, $v = \{v_n\} \in \ell^\infty$, $D_\gamma T(\gamma, x_0)v$ is given as below in components:

$$\begin{cases} [D_\gamma T(\gamma, x_0)v]_{n,s} = \sum_{i=1}^n A_s^{n-i} Dh_s(p_{i-1})v_{i-1} \\ [D_\gamma T(\gamma, x_0)v]_{n,u} = \sum_{i=n+1}^\infty A_u^{n+1-i} Dh_u(p_i)v_i. \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

The derivative exists because the infinite series converges uniformly for bounded $D(h_s, h_u)$ because $f \in C^k(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Similarly, $D^j T$ exists for any $1 \leq j \leq k$ because $D^j(h_s, h_u)$ are bounded for all $j \leq k$ since $(h_s, h_u) \in C^k(\mathbb{R}^d)$. Furthermore, from the equations above we have the following estimates

$$\|[D_\gamma T(\gamma, x_0)v]_{n,s}\| \leq \frac{L}{1-\nu} \|v\|_\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \|[D_\gamma T(\gamma, x_0)v]_{n,u}\| \leq \frac{L}{1-\bar{\alpha}} \|v\|_\infty$$

by the same arguments for the uniform contraction of T in the proof of Lemme 2. Hence,

$$\|D_\gamma T(\gamma, x_0)\|_\infty \leq L\left(\frac{1}{1-\nu} + \frac{1}{1-\bar{\alpha}}\right) < 1$$

for the same contraction constant of T as in (12).

Finally, for the derivative of ϕ_u as the fixed point for T , we have from the second equation of (16) with $n = 0$

$$D\phi_u(x_0) = \sum_{i=1}^\infty A_u^{1-i} Dh_u(p_i(x_0)) Dp_i(x_0).$$

Because in addition $Dh_u(0) = 0$, $p_i(0) = (0, 0)$ for all $i \geq 0$, we have

$$D\phi_u(0) = 0,$$

showing that the tangent space of W^s at the fixed point is the stable eigenspace $\mathbb{R}^{d_s} \cong \mathbb{E}^s$. This completes the proof. $\square$

Lemma 4. f is a uniform contraction on W^s .

Proof. Let $p_0 = (x_0, \phi_u(x_0))$, $p'_0 = (x'_0, \phi_u(x'_0))$ be two points from W^s , and consider their images under f , $p_1 = f(p_0)$, $p'_1 = f(p'_0)$. Because they are fixed points of T , by (8) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_1 - x'_1\| &\leq \|A_s\| \|x_0 - x'_0\| + \|h_s(p_0) - h_s(p'_0)\| \\ &\leq \nu \|x_0 - x'_0\| + L \|p_0 - p'_0\| \\ &\leq (\nu + L) \|p_0 - p'_0\| \end{aligned}$$

and by (14)

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_1 - y'_1\| &\leq \sum_{i=2}^\infty \|A_u^{2-i} [h_u(p_i(x_0)) - h_u(p_i(x'_0))]\| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=2}^\infty \bar{\alpha}^{i-2} L \|p_i - p'_i\| \\ &\leq L \sum_{i=2}^\infty \bar{\alpha}^{i-2} \|\gamma^*(x_0) - \gamma^*(x'_0)\|_\infty \\ &\leq \frac{L}{1-\bar{\alpha}} \frac{1}{1-\theta} \|x_0 - x'_0\| \\ &\leq \frac{L}{1-\bar{\alpha}} \frac{1}{1-\theta} \|p_0 - p'_0\| \end{aligned}$$

implying

$$\|f(p_0) - f(p'_0)\| \leq (\nu + L + \frac{L}{1-\bar{\alpha}} \frac{1}{1-\theta}) \|p_0 - p'_0\|$$

which is a uniform contraction for small L , i.e., for small $\|f - Df(\bar{q})\|_1$. $\square$

Lemma 5. *Let α be a fixed constant satisfying,*

$$\max\{|\sigma^s|\} < \alpha < 1.$$

Then for any $p \in W^s$ there is a constant R so that

$$\|f^n(p) - \bar{q}\| \leq R\alpha^n, \text{ for all } n \geq 0.$$

Proof. For the parameter α assume the adapted norm satisfies (1). Let

$$S_\alpha := \{\gamma = \{p_n\}_{n=0}^\infty : p_n \in \mathbb{R}^d, \sup\{\alpha^{-n}\|p_n\| : n \geq 0\} < \infty\}. \quad (17)$$

Obviously, S_α is a closed subspace of ℓ^∞ . So if we can show $T(\cdot, x_0)$ maps S_α into itself, then the property that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(p) = \bar{q}$ at the required geometric rate of α for any $p \in W^s$ follows.

For any $\gamma \in S_\alpha$, denote it by

$$\|\gamma\|_\alpha = \sup\{\alpha^{-n}\|p_n\| : n \geq 0\}.$$

Then for any $\gamma = \{p_n\}_{n=0}^\infty \in S_\alpha$, we have for $\bar{\gamma} = T(\gamma, x_0)$ the following

$$\begin{aligned} \|\bar{x}_n\| &\leq \|A_s^n x_0\| + \sum_{i=1}^n \|A_s^{n-i}\| L \|p_{i-1}\| \\ &\leq \nu^n \|x_0\| + L \sum_{i=1}^n \nu^{n-i} \alpha^{i-1} \|\gamma\|_\alpha \leq (\|x_0\| + \frac{L}{\alpha-\nu} \|\gamma\|_\alpha) \alpha^n \end{aligned}$$

and similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\bar{y}_n\| &\leq \sum_{i=n+1}^\infty \|A_u^{n+1-i}\| L \|p_i\| \\ &\leq L \sum_{i=n+1}^\infty \bar{\alpha}^{i-n-1} \alpha^i \|\gamma\|_\alpha \leq \frac{L\alpha}{1-\alpha\bar{\alpha}} \|\gamma\|_\alpha \alpha^n. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\|(\bar{x}_n, \bar{y}_n)\| \leq R\alpha^n := [\|x_0\| + (\frac{1}{\alpha-\nu} + \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha\bar{\alpha}})L\|\gamma\|_\alpha] \alpha^n$$

as required. $\square$

By applying the theorem above to f^{-1} we can prove the following theorem.

Theorem 2 (Unstable Manifold Theorem). *Let $\bar{q}$ be a hyperbolic fixed point of a diffeomorphism f in $\mathbb{R}^d$. Then a sufficiently small $\|f - Df(\bar{q})\|_1$ implies W^u is the graph of a C^1 function $\phi_s : \mathbb{E}^u \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^s$*

$$W^u = \text{graph}(\phi_s),$$

and the tangent space of W^u at the fixed point is the unstable eigenspace

$$\mathbb{T}_{\bar{q}} W^u = \mathbb{E}^u.$$

Moreover, f^{-1} is a uniform contraction on W^u . In addition, let β be any constant satisfying

$$1 < \beta < \min\{|\sigma^u|\},$$

then for any $p \in W^u$ there is a constant R so that

$$\|f^{-n}(p) - \bar{q}\| \leq R\beta^{-n}, \text{ for all } n \geq 0.$$

Furthermore, if f is C^k , $k \geq 1$, and all its derivatives $D^j f$, $1 \leq j \leq k$, are bounded, then ϕ_s is also C^k with bounded derivatives.

Theorem 3 (Local Stable and Local Unstable Manifold Theorem). *Let $\bar{q}$ be a hyperbolic fixed point of a diffeomorphism f in $\mathbb{R}^d$ and let $\mathbb{E}^s$, $\mathbb{E}^u$ be the stable, respectively, the unstable eigenspace at $\bar{q}$ for the linearization $Df(\bar{q})$. Let α , β be any constants satisfying $\max\{|\sigma^s|\} < \alpha < 1 < \beta < \min\{|\sigma^u|\}$. Then there is a small neighborhood $N_r(\bar{q})$ and two differentiable functions $\phi_u : N_r(\bar{q}) \cap \mathbb{E}^s \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^u$, $\phi_s : N_r(\bar{q}) \cap \mathbb{E}^u \rightarrow \mathbb{E}^s$, so that the local stable and local unstable manifolds $W_{\text{loc}}^s(\bar{q}) := \text{graph}(\phi_u)$, $W_{\text{loc}}^u(\bar{q}) := \text{graph}(\phi_s)$ satisfy the following properties*

- (i) $W_{\text{loc}}^s = \{p \in N_r : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(p) = \bar{q}\}$, and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^n(p) = \bar{q}$ at rate α^n for $p \in W_{\text{loc}}^s$. f is a uniform contraction on W_{loc}^s , $f(W_{\text{loc}}^s) \subset W_{\text{loc}}^s$. And $\mathbb{T}_{\bar{q}} W_{\text{loc}}^s = \mathbb{E}^s$.
- (ii) $W_{\text{loc}}^u = \{p \in N_r : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^{-n}(p) = \bar{q}\}$, and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^{-n}(p) = \bar{q}$ at rate β^{-n} for $p \in W_{\text{loc}}^u$. f^{-1} is a uniform contraction on W_{loc}^u , $f^{-1}(W_{\text{loc}}^u) \subset W_{\text{loc}}^u$. And $\mathbb{T}_{\bar{q}} W_{\text{loc}}^u = \mathbb{E}^u$.

Moreover, if f is C^k , $k \geq 1$, then both W_{loc}^s and W_{loc}^u are C^k manifolds.

Proof. Modify the map f by a C^∞ cut-off function $\rho_r(p - \bar{q})$ to $f \rightarrow f(p) = Df(\bar{q})p + \rho_r(p - \bar{q})(f(p) - Df(\bar{q})(p))$. Then for sufficiently small r , Theorems 1 and 2 can be applied to the modified map to obtain the maps ϕ_u, ϕ_s . Restrict both to the neighborhood $N_r(\bar{q})$, then the results follow from the theorems. $\square$

Definition 2. Let $\bar{q}$ be a hyperbolic fixed point of a diffeomorphism f in $\mathbb{R}^d$. The global stable manifold of the fixed point is defined as

$$W_{\text{glb}}^s(\bar{q}) = \bigcup_n^\infty f^{-n}(W_{\text{loc}}^s(\bar{q}))$$

and the global unstable manifold is defined as

$$W_{\text{glb}}^u(\bar{q}) = \bigcup_n^\infty f^n(W_{\text{loc}}^u(\bar{q})).$$

A point $\bar{p}$ is called a homoclinic point of a hyperbolic fixed point $\bar{q}$ of f if $\bar{p}$ is an intersection of $W_{\text{glb}}^s(\bar{q})$ and $W_{\text{glb}}^u(\bar{q})$. We note that if the global stable and unstable manifolds intersect transversely, then a horseshoe dynamics arises, and hence f is expected to be chaotic in a neighborhood of the homoclinic orbit.

