Geometric control and dynamical systems

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Control of an inverted pendulum



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Proposition

Under classical assumptions on the datas, for every $x \in M$ and every measurable control $u : [0, T] \rightarrow U$ the Cauchy problem

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) = f(x(t), u(t)) & a.e. \ t \in [0, T], \\ x(0) = x \end{cases}$$

admits a unique solution

$$x(\cdot) = x(\cdot; x, u) : [0, T] \longmapsto M.$$

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The Kupka-Smale Theorem for vector fields

Theorem (Kupka '63, Smale '63)

Let M be a smooth compact manifold. For C^k $(k \ge 1)$ vector fields on M, the following properties are generic:

- 1. All closed orbits are hyperbolic.
- 2. Heteroclinic orbits are transversal, i.e. the intersections of stable and unstable manifolds of closed hyperbolic orbits are transversal.



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Definition

Given an Hamiltonian $H : T^*M \to \mathbb{R}$, a property is called C^k Mañé generic if there is a residual set \mathcal{G} in $C^k(M; \mathbb{R})$ such that the property holds for any H + V with $V \in \mathcal{G}$.

Theorem (Rifford-Ruggiero '10)

Let $H : T^*M \to \mathbb{R}$ be a Tonelli Hamiltonian of class C^k with k > 2. The following properties are C^k Mañé generic:

- 1. Each closed orbit is either hyperbolic or no eigenvalue of the Poincaré transform of any closed orbit is a root of unity.
- 2. Heteroclinic orbits are trasnversal, i.e. the intersections of stable and unstable manifolds of closed hyperbolic orbits are transversal.

Recall that H is Tonelli if it is superlinear and uniformly convex in the fibers.

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The Poincaré map is symplectic, i.e. it preserves the restriction of the symplectic form to $T_{\theta}\Sigma$.

The symplectic group

Let Sp(*m*) be the symplectic group in $M_{2m}(\mathbb{R})$ (m = n - 1), that is the smooth submanifold of matrices $X \in M_{2m}(\mathbb{R})$ satisfying

$$X^* \mathbb{J} X = \mathbb{J}$$
 where $\mathbb{J} := \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I_m \\ -I_m & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Choosing a convenient set of coordinates, the differential of the Poincaré map is the symplectic matrix X(T) where $X : [0, T] \rightarrow Sp(m)$ is solution to the Cauchy problem

$$\begin{cases} \dot{X}(t) = A(t)X(t) \quad \forall t \in [0, T], \\ X(0) = I_{2m}, \end{cases}$$

where A(t) has the form

$$A(t) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_m \\ -K(t) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \forall t \in [0, T].$$

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A controllability problem on Sp(m)

The Poincaré map at time T associated with the new Hamiltonian

H + V

is given by $X_u(T)$ where $X_u : [0, T] \to \operatorname{Sp}(m)$ is solution to the control problem

$$\begin{cases} \dot{X}_{u}(t) = A(t)X_{u}(t) + \sum_{i \leq j=1}^{m} u_{ij}(t)\mathcal{E}(ij)X_{u}(t), \quad \forall t \in [0, T], \\ X(0) = I_{2m}, \end{cases}$$

where the $2m \times 2m$ matrices $\mathcal{E}(ij)$ are defined by

$$\mathcal{E}(ij) := \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ E(ij) & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\begin{cases} (E(ii))_{k,l} := \delta_{ik}\delta_{il} \forall i = 1, \dots, m, \\ (E(ij))_{k,l} = \delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} + \delta_{il}\delta_{jk} \forall i < j = 1, \dots, m. \end{cases}$$

with

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If we can show that E is a submersion at u = 0, we are done.

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Lemma

The set of matrices $K \in \mathcal{S}(m)$ such that

$$dim\left(Span\left\{[E(ij),K] \mid i,j \in \{1,\ldots,m\}, i < j\right\}\right) = \frac{m(m-1)}{2}$$

is open and dense in $\mathcal{S}(m)$.

Thank you for your attention !!