

(8.2) Evolution of n -dimensional volumes

Idea: Find the smallest n such that each n -dimensional volume is decreasing.

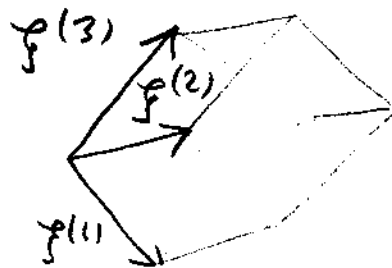
Then $d_f(\mathbb{R}) \leq n$.

Volumes: Let $\mathbf{f}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{f}^{(n)} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ linear independent vectors which span a parallelepiped

$$\mathbf{f}^{(1)} \wedge \dots \wedge \mathbf{f}^{(n)}$$

We denote the volume

by $|\mathbf{f}^{(1)} \wedge \dots \wedge \mathbf{f}^{(n)}|$



Let M be the matrix made out of the vectors $\mathbf{f}^{(i)}$:

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} \left| \begin{smallmatrix} \mathbf{f}^{(1)} \\ \vdots \end{smallmatrix} \right| & \left| \begin{smallmatrix} \mathbf{f}^{(2)} \\ \vdots \end{smallmatrix} \right| & \dots & \left| \begin{smallmatrix} \mathbf{f}^{(n)} \\ \vdots \end{smallmatrix} \right| \end{pmatrix}$$

Let $M(\mathbf{f}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{f}^{(n)})$ be the matrix with components

$$M_{ij} = \mathbf{f}^{(i)} \cdot \mathbf{f}^{(j)}$$

Then we have

Lemma 1

(i) $m^T m = M$

(ii) $|\xi^{(1)} \wedge \dots \wedge \xi^{(n)}| = |\det m| = \sqrt{|\det M|}$

(iii) M has real positive eigenvalues

(iv) $\log(\det M) = \text{tr}(\log M)$

(v) If $\xi^{(1)}(t), \dots, \xi^{(n)}(t)$ depend on time, then

$$\frac{d}{dt} \text{tr}(\log M(t)) = \text{tr}\left(M(t)^{-1} \frac{dM(t)}{dt}\right)$$

Proof:

$$m = \begin{pmatrix} \left| \begin{smallmatrix} \xi^{(1)} \\ \vdots \end{smallmatrix} \right| & \left| \begin{smallmatrix} \xi^{(2)} \\ \vdots \end{smallmatrix} \right| & \dots & \left| \begin{smallmatrix} \xi^{(n)} \\ \vdots \end{smallmatrix} \right| \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m^T = \begin{pmatrix} \text{---} \xi^{(1)} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \xi^{(n)} \text{---} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m^T m = \begin{pmatrix} \xi^{(1)} \xi^{(1)} & \xi^{(1)} \xi^{(2)} & \dots & \xi^{(1)} \xi^{(n)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \xi^{(n)} \xi^{(1)} & \dots & \dots & \xi^{(n)} \xi^{(n)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(m^T m)_{ij} = \xi^{(i)} \xi^{(j)} = M_{ij} \Rightarrow (i)$$

$\Rightarrow M$ is symmetric, hence it has real eigenvalues λ_k with eigenvectors $\varphi^{(k)}$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_k &= \varphi^{(k)T} M \varphi^{(k)} = \varphi^{(k)T} m^T m \varphi^{(k)} \\ &= (m \varphi^{(k)})^T (m \varphi^{(k)}) = |m \varphi^{(k)}|^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \text{(iii)}.\end{aligned}$$

m is the coordinate transformation that maps the canonical basis $\{e^{(1)}, \dots, e^{(n)}\}$ onto $\{\xi^{(1)}, \dots, \xi^{(n)}\}$.

$m e^{(i)} = \xi^{(i)}$. Then, using the transformation of an n -dimensional integral we find the volume

$$|\xi^{(1)} \wedge \dots \wedge \xi^{(n)}| = \int_{\xi^{(1)} \wedge \dots \wedge \xi^{(n)}} d\xi^{(1)} d\xi^{(2)} \dots d\xi^{(n)}$$

$$= \int_{e^{(1)} \wedge \dots \wedge e^{(n)}} |\det m| de^{(1)} \dots de^{(n)}$$

$$= |\det m|$$

Now $\det M = \det(m^T) \det m$

$$= (\det m)^2 = |\xi^{(1)} \dots \xi^{(n)}|^2 \Rightarrow \text{(ii)}$$

To obtain (iv) we write $M = \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \varphi^{(i)} \varphi^{(i)T}$
 $\{\varphi^{(i)}\}$ ONB.

Then $\log M = \sum_{i=1}^n \log \lambda_i \varphi^{(i)} \varphi^{(i)T}$ (Linear Algebra)

$$\text{tr}(\log M) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log \lambda_i \quad (*)$$

Since $\det M = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$ we get $\log(\det M) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log \lambda_i$

$\Rightarrow$ (iv)

From (*) we get $\frac{d}{dt} \text{tr}(\log M) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\dot{\lambda}_i}{\lambda_i}$

We consider the right hand side of (v)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}\left(M^{-1} \frac{dM}{dt}\right) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi^{(i)T} M^{-1} \frac{dM}{dt} \varphi^{(i)} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \varphi^{(i)T} \left(\sum_j \lambda_j^{-1} \varphi^{(j)} \varphi^{(j)T} \sum_k \left(\dot{\lambda}_k \varphi^{(k)} \varphi^{(k)T} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \lambda_k \dot{\varphi}^{(k)} \varphi^{(k)T} + \lambda_k \varphi^{(k)} \dot{\varphi}^{(k)T} \right) \varphi^{(i)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^{-1} \varphi^{(i)T} \left(\dot{\lambda}_i \varphi^{(i)} + \lambda_i \dot{\varphi}^{(i)} + \sum_k \lambda_k \varphi^{(k)} \dot{\varphi}^{(k)T} \varphi^{(i)} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^{-1} \lambda_i + \varphi^{(i)T} \dot{\varphi}^{(i)} + \dot{\varphi}^{(i)T} \varphi^{(i)}$$

now $\varphi^{(i)T} \varphi^{(i)} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} (\varphi^{(i)T} \varphi^{(i)}) = 0$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^{-1} \dot{\lambda}_i \Rightarrow (v)$$

□

We now study the abstract problem

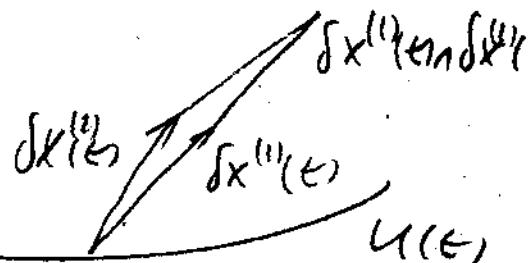
$$\frac{du}{dt} = F(u(t)), \quad u(0) = u_0$$

in a Hilbert-space H .

We assume there is a semigroup $S(t)u_0 = u(t)$
and a compact global attractor A .

We are interested in the time evolution of
 n -dimensional volumes

$$\delta x^{(1)} \wedge \delta x^{(2)}$$



We like to linearise around a given orbit $u(t)$:

Definition: $S(t)$ is uniformly differentiable on A , if for every $u \in A$ there exists a linear operator $\Lambda(t, u)$ such that for $t \geq 0$

$$\sup_{\substack{u, v \in A \\ 0 < |u-v| < \varepsilon}} \frac{|S(t)u - S(t)v - \Lambda(t, u)(u-v)|}{|u-v|} \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} 0$$

and $\sup_{u \in A} \|\Lambda(t, u)\|_{op} < \infty$ for each $t \geq 0$.

$\Lambda(t, u)$ is called the linearization of $S(t)$ along the orbit of u

We suppose now that the linearization $\Lambda(t, u)$ is the solution semigroup of the linearized equation

$$\frac{du}{dt} = F'(S(t)u_0)u(t), \quad u(0) = \xi$$

which we write as

$$\frac{du}{dt} = L(t, u_0)u(t), \quad u(0) = \xi.$$

Let $\delta x^{(1)}(t), \dots, \delta x^{(n)}(t)$ be an n -dimensional
test volume $V_n(t) = |\delta x^{(1)}(t) \wedge \dots \wedge \delta x^{(n)}(t)|$

Let $P^{(n)}(t)$ denote the orthogonal projection onto
the space spanned by $\{\delta x^{(1)}(t), \dots, \delta x^{(n)}(t)\}$.

(*) Note from p. 36

Theorem 1: For t small enough we find:

$$V_n(t) = V_n(0) \exp \left(\int_0^t \text{tr} (L(s; u_0) P^{(n)}(s)) ds \right)$$

Proof: We assume that initially $\delta x_0^{(1)}, \dots, \delta x_0^{(n)}$ are
small. Since the solution semigroup $S(t)\delta x_0^{(i)}$
is continuous in time, $S(t)\delta x_0^{(i)}$ remain small
for a certain time interval $[0, t)$.

On that interval the time evolution is given
by the linearization at $u(t)$.

$$\frac{d}{dt} \delta x^{(i)}(t) = L(t; u_0) \delta x^{(i)}(t).$$

We are interested in $V_n(t) = |\delta x^{(1)}(t) \wedge \dots \wedge \delta x^{(n)}(t)|$

For that we study

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \ln V_n(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \ln V_n^2(t) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \ln (\det M(t)). \end{aligned}$$

Where $M(t) = M(\delta x^{(1)}(t), \dots, \delta x^{(n)}(t))$.

From Lemma 1 (iv) and (v) we find

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dt} \ln(\det M(t)) &= \frac{d}{dt} \operatorname{tr}(\ln M(t)) \\ &= \operatorname{tr}\left(M^{-1}(t) \frac{dM(t)}{dt}\right)\end{aligned}$$

Hence we get

$$\frac{d}{dt} \ln V_n(t) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}\left(M^{-1}(t) \frac{dM(t)}{dt}\right). \quad (*)$$

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← Note: If $\delta x^{(1)}, \dots, \delta x^{(n)} \in H$ linear independent then we can still define a $n \times n$ -matrix

$M(\delta x^{(1)}, \dots, \delta x^{(n)})$ by

$$M_{ij} = (\delta x^{(i)}, \delta x^{(j)})_H$$

This matrix M has still the properties as summarized in Lemma 1. The only difference is, that n can no longer be explicitly given, but still $n: \{e^{(k)}\} \rightarrow \{\delta x^{(k)}\}$ is a transformation of a canonical set $\{e^{(k)}\} \subset H$ into $\{\delta x^{(k)}\} \subset H$.

We need to find an expression for $\frac{dM}{dt}$. For that we assume that $\{\phi^{(j)}(t)\}$ is an orthonormal set in H which spans the same ~~volume~~ as subspace as $\text{span}\{\delta x^{(i)}(t)\}$. If we denote the coordinate transformation by $m(t): \{\phi^{(j)}(t)\} \rightarrow \{\delta x^{(i)}(t)\}$, then

$$m_{ij} = (\phi^{(i)}(t), \delta x^{(j)}(t)).$$

Again: $M = m^T m$, $M^{-1} = m^{-1} (m^T)^{-1}$

We express $L(t; u)$ in this new basis:

$$\alpha_{ij} = (\phi^{(i)}, L \phi^{(j)})$$

and also $\frac{dM}{dt}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dM_{ij}}{dt} &= \left(\frac{d}{dt} \delta x^{(i)}, \delta x^{(j)} \right) + \left(\delta x^{(i)}, \frac{d}{dt} \delta x^{(j)} \right) \\ &= \left(L \delta x^{(i)}, \delta x^{(j)} \right) + \left(\delta x^{(i)}, L \delta x^{(j)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

For a general vector $u \in \text{span}\{\phi^{(j)}\}$ we have

$$u = \sum_{j=1}^n \phi^{(j)} (\phi^{(j)}, u)$$

$$\delta x^{(i)} = \sum_{k=1}^n \phi^{(k)} (\phi^{(k)}, \delta x^{(i)})$$

$$L \delta x^{(i)} = \sum_{k=1}^n L \phi^{(k)} (\phi^{(k)}, \delta x^{(i)})$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (L\delta x^{(i)}, \delta x^{(j)}) &= \left(\sum_{k=1}^n L\phi^{(k)}(\phi^{(k)}, \delta x^{(i)}), \sum_{\ell=1}^n \phi^{(\ell)}(\phi^{(\ell)}, \delta x^{(j)}) \right) \\ &= \sum_{k, \ell} (L\phi^{(k)}, \phi^{(\ell)})(\phi^{(k)}, \delta x^{(i)})(\phi^{(\ell)}, \delta x^{(j)}) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$(\delta x^{(i)}, L\delta x^{(j)}) = \sum_{k, \ell} (\phi^{(k)}, L\phi^{(\ell)})(\phi^{(k)}, \delta x^{(i)})(\phi^{(\ell)}, \delta x^{(j)})$$

Together we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dM_{ij}}{dt} &= \sum_{k, \ell} (\phi^{(k)}, \delta x^{(i)}) \left[(L\phi^{(k)}, \phi^{(\ell)}) + (\phi^{(k)}, L\phi^{(\ell)}) \right] (\phi^{(\ell)}, \delta x^{(j)}) \\ &= \sum_{k, \ell=1}^n m_{ki} (a_{\ell k} + a_{k\ell}) m_{\ell j} \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\boxed{\frac{dM}{dt} = m^T (a^T + a) m}$$

We use this in (*) to find

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \frac{d}{dt} \ln V_n(t) &= \text{tr} (m^{-1} (m^T)^{-1} m^T (a^T + a) m) \\ &= \text{tr} (m^{-1} (a^T + a) m) \\ &= \text{tr} (a^T + a) \\ &= 2 \text{tr} (a). \end{aligned}$$

Now, let $P^{(n)}(t)$ denote the orthogonal projection onto $\text{span} \{ \phi^{(i)} \}$.

$$P^{(n)}(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \phi^{(i)}(\phi^{(i)}, \cdot)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (L P^{(n)})_{jij} &= \left(\phi^{(j)}, L \sum_i \phi^{(i)} (\phi^{(i)}, \phi^{(j)}) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (\phi^{(j)}, L \phi^{(i)}) (\phi^{(i)}, \phi^{(j)}) = \sum_j a_{ij} \delta_{ij} = a_{jj} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{tr}(L P^{(n)}) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n (\phi^{(j)}, L \phi^{(i)}) (\phi^{(i)}, \phi^{(j)}) = \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij} \delta_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

Since a is expressed in terms of $\phi^{(i)}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(a) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (\phi^{(i)}, L \phi^{(i)}) \\ &= \sum_{i,j=1}^n (\phi^{(j)}, L \phi^{(i)}) (\phi^{(i)}, \phi^{(j)}) = \text{tr}(L P^{(n)}) \end{aligned}$$

Finally we integrate (*) from 0 to t to obtain:

$$V_n(t) = V_n(0) \exp \left(\int_0^t \text{tr}(L(s; u_0) P^{(n)}(s)) ds \right)$$

□

We assume that the linear approximation, as used in the above theorem, gives a good approximation to the time evolution of the volume $V_n(t)$ for all $t \rightarrow \infty$.

We can identify an asymptotic growth rate

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \left(\int_0^t \text{tr}(L(s; u_0) P^{(n)}(s)) ds \right)$$

and the maximal asymptotic growth rate of n -dimensional volumes

$$TR_n(A) = \sup_{u_0 \in A} \sup_{P^{(n)}_{(u_0)}} \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \text{tr}(L(s; u_0) P^{(n)}(s)) ds$$

We abbreviate with the notation for time averages:

$$\langle f(t) \rangle = \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t f(s) ds$$

then

$$TR_n(A) = \sup_{u_0 \in A} \sup_{P^{(n)}_{(u_0)}} \langle \text{tr}(L(s; u_0) P^{(n)}(s)) \rangle$$

If $TR_n(A) < 0$ then each n -dimensional infinitesimal volume will decay exponentially.

(B. Hunt 1999)

Theorem 2: Suppose $S(t)$ is uniformly differentiable on A and that there exists a t_0 such that $A(t; u_0)$ is compact for all $t \geq t_0$.

If $TR_n(A) < 0$, then $df(A) \leq n$

Proof [R. Appendix B.]

Lemma 3 Let P_n be an n -dimensional projection to a subset of $L^2(Q)$, Q periodic domain in $\mathbb{R}^m$. Then

$$\text{tr}(-\Delta P_n) \geq C n^{\frac{m+2}{m}}$$

Proof: Write $A = -\Delta$, eigenfunctions w_j , eigenvalues $\lambda_j \leq \lambda_{j+1}$. Let P_n be a projection to $\text{span}\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n\}$, ϕ_j orthonormal.

$$\text{tr}(A P_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n (\phi_j, A \phi_j)$$

$$\geq \inf_{\substack{\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n \in H \\ \text{linear indep.} \\ |\psi_j|=1}} \sum_{j=1}^n (\psi_j, A \psi_j)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n (w_j, A w_j)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j (w_j, w_j) = \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j$$

The eigenvalues of A on $L^2(Q)$ satisfy:

$$c j^{\frac{2}{m}} \leq \lambda_j \leq C j^{\frac{2}{m}}$$

for two constants $c, C > 0$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{tr}(AP_n) &\geq \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \geq c \sum_{j=1}^n j^{\frac{2}{m}} \geq c \frac{1}{1+\frac{2}{m}} n^{\frac{2}{m}+1} \\ &\geq \tilde{c} n^{\frac{m+2}{m}} \end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{l} \uparrow \\ \text{by induction.} \end{array} \quad \square$$

Remark: The same result is valid for any C^2 -domain $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}^m$.