

Lecture 13: Proof of the Diagram Fixing Theorem

In this lecture we finish the proof of the structural stability theorem, and Anosov's shadowing and closing lemmas by proving:

"Diagram Fixing Thm":* Suppose M is compact and $T: M \rightarrow M$ is a C^1 diffeomorphism with a hyperbolic set Λ . There exist

- $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3 > 0$
- an open set $O \supseteq \Lambda$, as follows.

Suppose S is a diffeo s.t. $\text{dist}_{C^1}(T, S) < \varepsilon_1$,

$h: X \rightarrow X$ is a homeomorphism of a metric space X

and $\phi: X \rightarrow O$ is a continuous map s.t. $\overline{\phi(X)} \subseteq O$ and $\text{dist}_{C^0}(\phi \circ h, S \circ \phi) < \varepsilon_2$, i.e.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{h} & X \\ \phi \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi \\ O & \xrightarrow{S} & M \end{array} \quad \text{"}\varepsilon_2\text{-Commutates"}$$

Then: $\exists!$ continuous $\psi: X \rightarrow O$ s.t. $\text{dist}_{C^0}(\psi, \phi) < \varepsilon_3$ and $\psi \circ h = S \circ \psi$, i.e.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{h} & X \\ \psi \downarrow & & \downarrow \psi \\ O & \xrightarrow{S} & M \end{array} \quad \text{exactly commutes}$$

Moreover: $\forall \varepsilon \exists \delta$ s.t.

$$\text{dist}_{C^0}(\phi \circ h, S \circ \phi) < \delta \Rightarrow \text{dist}_{C^0}(\psi, \phi) < \varepsilon.$$

* this is not a standard name.

Banach's Fixed Point Theorem

The basic tool is the following result:

Banach's Fixed-Point Theorem: Suppose (X, d) is a complete metric space and $F: X \rightarrow X$ is a contraction:

$$\exists 0 < \lambda < 1 \text{ s.t. } \forall x, y \quad d(F(x), F(y)) \leq \lambda d(x, y).$$

Then: There exists a unique $x \in X$ s.t. $F(x) = x$.

Proof. Fix some arbitrary $x_0 \in X$. The sequence $F^n(x_0)$ is a Cauchy sequence:

$$\begin{aligned} d(F^{n+m}(x_0), F^n(x_0)) &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} d(F^{n+k}x_0, F^{n+k+1}x_0) \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \lambda^{n+k} d(x_0, F(x_0)) \leq \frac{\lambda^n}{1-\lambda} d(x_0, F(x_0)) \xrightarrow{n, m \rightarrow \infty} 0 \end{aligned}$$

The limit $x := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F^n(x_0)$ exists by completeness,

and since F is continuous, $F(x) = x$.

This fixed point is unique, because if $F(y) = y$ for some other y , then

$$d(x, y) = d(F^n(x), F^n(y)) \leq \lambda^n d(x, y) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0, \text{ so } x = y. \quad \square$$

Exercise: Show that in the setup of the previous theorem,

$\forall \varepsilon \exists \delta$ s.t. if $G: X \rightarrow X$ is another map s.t.

$\forall x, y \quad d(G(x), G(y)) \leq (\lambda + \delta) d(x, y)$; $\forall x \quad d(G(x), F(x)) \leq \delta$
then the unique fixed point of G is ε -close to the unique fixed point of F .

Solution: Fix $\delta > 0$ so small that $\mu := \lambda + \delta < \frac{1+\lambda}{2} < 1$.
and suppose $G: X \rightarrow X$ is a map st.

$$\sup_{x,y} d(G(x), G(y)) \leq \mu d(x, y); \quad \sup_x d(G(x), F(x)) < \delta.$$

Let x be the fixed point of F , and y be the fixed point of G . Then

$$d(G^n(x), y) = d(G^n(x), G^n(y)) \leq \mu^n d(x, y) \rightarrow 0 \text{ exponentially fast.}$$

Then

$$d(x, y) \leq d(x, G^n(x)) + d(G^n(x), y)$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} d(G^k(x), G^{k+1}(x)) + d(G^n(x), y)$$

$$\leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \mu^k d(x, G(x)) + o(1)$$

$$\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mu^k \right) d(x, G(x))$$

$$= \frac{d(x, G(x))}{1-\mu} = \frac{d(F(x), G(x))}{1-\frac{1+\lambda}{2}} < \frac{2\delta}{1-\lambda}. \quad \square$$

$\uparrow$ $F(x)=x$
 $\mu < (1+\lambda)/2$

$\uparrow$ $d_{co}(F, G) < \delta$

Proof of the Diagram Fixing Theorem

Step 1: Setting-Up a Fixed Point Theorem

We're given a diagram s.t. $\phi \circ h \approx S \circ \phi$. We want to

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{h} & X \\ \phi \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi \\ \mathcal{O} & \xrightarrow{S} & M \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{find } \psi \text{ s.t. } \psi \circ h = S \circ \psi. \text{ We'll try} \\ \text{to set this up as a } \underline{\text{fixed point problem}}. \end{array}$$

Attempt 1: Embed $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$. Then $\psi, \phi: X \rightarrow M$ could be viewed as function $\psi, \phi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$. Write

$$\psi(x) = \phi(x) + v(x), \quad v(x) = \text{unknown}.$$

$$\text{Then } \psi \circ h = S \circ \psi$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \phi(h(x)) + v(h(x)) = S(\phi(x) + v(x))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow v(h(x)) = S(\phi(x) + v(x)) - \phi(h(x))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{v(x) = S(\phi(h^{-1}(x)) + v(h^{-1}(x))) - \phi(x)}$$

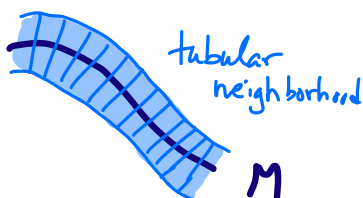
Problem: For general $v: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N$, it's possible that

$$\phi(h^{-1}(x)) + v(h^{-1}(x)) \notin M.$$

If this is so, $S(\phi(h^{-1}(x)) + v(h^{-1}(x)))$ is not defined.

Attempt 2: Insert a "projection" $\pi: \text{Neigh}(M) \rightarrow M$

s.t. $\pi|_M = \text{id}$. This is done using a tubular neighborhood of M inside $\mathbb{R}^N$:



Formally, the tubular neighborhood theorem in differential topology guarantees the existence of a neigh N of M in $\mathbb{R}^N$, and a differentiable map $\pi: N \rightarrow M$ s.t.

$$\pi|_M = \text{id}, \quad d\pi|_{T_x M} = \text{id} \text{ for all } x \in M.$$

Fix some α s.t. the α -neigh of M in $\mathbb{R}^N$ is inside the tubular neigh N of M . Let

$$\Gamma_\alpha := \{ \psi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N : \text{continuous}; \|\psi(x)\| \leq \alpha \text{ for all } x \in X \}$$

Consider the fixed point problem

$$\psi(x) = (S \circ \pi)(\phi(h^{-1}x) + \psi(h^{-1}x)) - \phi(x)$$

Now everything's well-defined, and if ψ is a solution, then

$$\psi(x) := \phi(x) + \psi(x) = (S \circ \pi)(\psi(h^{-1}(x))) \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ S(M)=M}}{\in} M,$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi(x) = S(\psi(h^{-1}(x))) \quad (\because \psi(h^{-1}(x)) \in M, \pi|_M = \text{id})$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi(h(x)) = S(\psi(x))$$

and we got our semi-conjugacy.

Of course to get a solution, we need to guarantee that

$$\Phi(\psi) := (S \circ \pi)(\phi \circ h^{-1} + \psi \circ h^{-1}) - \phi$$

is a contraction on $\Gamma_\alpha := \{ \psi: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N : \|\psi\| := \sup_x \|\psi(x)\| < \alpha \}$, for some α .

"Sanity Check": Let's calculate the linearization $(d\Phi)_0$ of Φ at $u \equiv 0$, and see if it has norm < 1 .

[Recall: A non-linear map $F: B \rightarrow B$ on a Banach space B is differentiable at $u_0 \in B$, if $\exists$ linear map $L: B \rightarrow B$ s.t. $\|F(u_0 + w) - (F(u_0) + Lw)\| = o(\|w\|)$. L is called the derivative of F at u_0 , and is denoted by $(dF)_{u_0}: B \rightarrow B$.

Exercise:

(1) If F is linear, then $(dF)_{u_0} = F$

(2) If F, G are differentiable, then $(d(FG))_{u_0} = dF_{G(u_0)} dG_{u_0}$.

Exercise: $[(d\Phi)_0 u](x) = dS_{\phi(h^{-1}x)} d\pi_{\phi(h^{-1}x)} u(h^{-1}x)$

(Here we use: $\pi(\phi(h^{-1}x)) = \phi(h^{-1}x)$, because $\phi(x) \in M$.)

Problem: $dS_{\phi(h^{-1}x)}$ expands some vectors (because $d\tau_{\phi(h^{-1}x)}$ expands on $E^h(\phi(h^{-1}x))$ and $S \approx T$ in C^1)

$\Rightarrow$ no reason why Φ should contract.

Attempt 3: "Annihilate" $d\Phi_0$ from the fixed point problem.

Write $\Phi(v) = \Phi(o) + (d\Phi)_o(v) + H(v)$, where

$$H(v) := \Phi(v) - \Phi(o) - (d\Phi)_o(v).$$

Then $H(o) = 0$, $(dH)_o = 0$. Since H is continuously differentiable, $dH_v \rightarrow 0$ as $v \rightarrow o$. So $\forall \varepsilon \exists \alpha$ s.t.

$$\|(dH)_v\| \leq \varepsilon \text{ whenever } \|v\| < \alpha.$$

$\Rightarrow$ If $\|v\|, \|w\| < \alpha$,
then $\|H(v) - H(w)\| < \varepsilon \|v - w\|$

Exercise: Prove this by applying the Mean Value Theorem to the functions $\varphi_i(t) = \langle e_i, H(tv + (1-t)w) \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^N}$, $i = 1, \dots, N$, $x \in X$ (e_i standard basis of $\mathbb{R}^N$)

$\Rightarrow H$ is an ε -contraction of Γ_α .

The fixed point theorem $\Phi(v) = v$ translates to:

$$\Phi(o) + (d\Phi)_o v + H(v) = v$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \Phi(o) + H(v) = (I - (d\Phi)_o) v$$

$$\Leftrightarrow v = (I - (d\Phi)_o)^{-1} [\Phi(o) + H(v)]$$

provided $I - (d\Phi)_o$ can be inverted.

Suppose we could prove:

Lemma: $\exists$ open neigh $\mathcal{O}$ of I and $\exists \varepsilon_1^*, \varepsilon_2^*, \alpha_0, K_0$ s.t. if $\text{dist}_{C^1}(\tau, s) < \varepsilon_1^*$ and $\text{dist}_{C^0}(\phi \circ h, s \circ \phi) < \varepsilon_2^*$, then $(I - (d\Phi)_o)^{-1}$ is invertible on $\Gamma_{\alpha_0} := \{v: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N: \text{cts}; \|v\| < \alpha_0\}$ and $\|(I - (d\Phi)_o)^{-1}\| < K_0$ on Γ_{α_0} .

Then we can set

$$F(u) := (I - (d\Phi)_0)^{-1} [\Phi(0) + H(u)]$$

and observe:

Claim: For all α, ε_2 sufficiently small, if $\text{dist}_{C^1}(\phi \circ h, S \circ \phi) < \varepsilon_2$ then $F(\Gamma_\alpha) \subseteq \Gamma_\alpha$ and $F: \Gamma_\alpha \rightarrow \Gamma_\alpha$ is a contraction

Proof.

$$(1) \quad \forall u, w \in \Gamma_\alpha, \quad \|F(u) - F(w)\| \leq K_0 \|H(u) - H(w)\| \\ \leq \varepsilon K_0 \|u - w\|$$

where $\varepsilon := \sup_{\|u\| \leq \alpha} \|(dH)_u\| \xrightarrow{\alpha \rightarrow 0} 0$. So for α

sufficiently small, F is a contraction, say by factor $1/2$.

$$(2) \quad F(\Gamma_\alpha) \subseteq \Gamma_\alpha: \text{ If } \|u\| \leq \alpha, \text{ then}$$

$$\|F(u)\| \leq \|F(0)\| + \|F(u) - F(0)\| \leq \|F(0)\| + \frac{1}{2} \|u\|_\alpha \\ \leq K_0 \|\Phi(0)\| + \frac{1}{2} \alpha$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(u) &= (S \circ \pi)(\phi \circ h^{-1} + u \circ h^{-1}) - \phi \\ \Phi(0) &= S(\phi \circ h^{-1}) - \phi \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} &\xrightarrow{\quad} K_0 \|S(\phi \circ h^{-1}) - \phi\|_\alpha + \frac{1}{2} \alpha \\ &= K_0 \|S \circ \phi - \phi \circ h\|_\alpha + \frac{1}{2} \alpha \\ &\leq K_0 \text{dist}_{C^0}(S \circ \phi, \phi \circ h) + \frac{1}{2} \alpha \\ &\leq K_0 \varepsilon_2 + \frac{1}{2} \alpha \end{aligned}$$

So if $\varepsilon_2 \leq \min \{ \varepsilon_2^*, \alpha / 3K_0 \}$, $F(\Gamma_\alpha) \subseteq \Gamma_\alpha$.

By the claim, F has a fixed point v , and we saw above that

$$F(v) = v \Leftrightarrow \Phi(v) = v \Leftrightarrow \psi = \phi + v \text{ solution } \psi \circ h = S \circ \psi.$$

Moreover, ψ is the unique fixed point s.t.

$$\|\psi - \phi\| = \|v\| < \alpha$$

In particular:

- ψ is locally unique
- if ϕ is close to the identity, ψ is close to the identity.

It remains to prove the lemma.

Step 2: Proof of the Lemma

Recall: $\Phi(v) = (S \circ \pi)(\phi \circ h^{-1} + v \circ h^{-1}) - \phi$

$$[(d\Phi)_0 v](x) = d(S \circ \pi)_{\phi(h^{-1}(x))} v(h^{-1}(x))$$

We need to find

- an open neigh O of Λ
- bounds $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$ for $\text{dist}_{C^1}(T, S)$, $\text{dist}_{C^0}(\phi \circ h, S \circ \phi)$
- bound α_0 for α

so that we can invert $I - d\Phi_0$ on

$$P_\alpha = \left\{ v: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^N : \|v\|_\alpha < \alpha \right\}$$

Recall: $\mathcal{O}$ is an open neigh of a hyperbolic set Λ for T .
 Extend $E^s(x), E^u(x)$ and the Lyapunov metric $\|\cdot\|'$ continuously
 to $\mathcal{O}$ s.t. $\|dT|_{E^s(x)}\| < \lambda < 1, \|dT|_{E^u}\| < \lambda < 1$ on $\mathcal{O}$.

(this is possible if $\mathcal{O}$ is small enough).

For each $y \in \mathcal{O}$, we have a continuous splitting

$$\mathbb{R}^N = T_y \mathbb{R}^N = E^s(y) \oplus E^u(y) \oplus E^\perp(y)$$

(where $E^\perp(y) = \{v \in T_y \mathbb{R}^N : v \perp T_y M\}$).

Let $P_y^s: \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow E^s(y), P_y^u: \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow E^u(y), P_y^\perp: \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow E^\perp(y)$

be the corresponding projections. Since $E^s(y), E^u(y), E^\perp(y)$
 depend continuously on y , $y \mapsto P_y^t$ ($t=s, u, \perp$) are continuous.

We can break each $v \in T_x$ into

$$v^s(x) := P_{\phi(x)}^s(v(x))$$

$$v^u(x) := P_{\phi(x)}^u(v(x))$$

$$v^\perp(x) := P_{\phi(x)}^\perp(v(x))$$

and consider the action of $d\Phi_0$ on $v^s(x), v^u(x), v^\perp(x)$.

Perpendicular Component: $\forall v \in \Gamma_\perp$

$$\begin{aligned} d\Phi_0(v(x)) &= d(S \circ \pi)_{\phi(h^{-1}x)} v(h^{-1}x) = dS_{\phi(h^{-1}x)} \left[d\pi_{\phi(h^{-1}x)} (v(h^{-1}x)) \right] \\ &\subseteq dS_{\phi(h^{-1}x)} (v^s(h^{-1}x) + v^u(h^{-1}x)), \text{ because } d\pi(v^\perp(x)) = 0 \\ &\subseteq dS(T_{\phi(h^{-1}x)}M) = T_{S(\phi(h^{-1}x))}M \subseteq \ker P_{S(\phi(h^{-1}x))}^\perp. \end{aligned}$$

So $P_{S(\phi(h^{-1}x))}^\perp (d\Phi_0 v) = 0$. This calculation also shows

that $d\Phi_0(v(x)) = d\Phi_0[v^s(x) + v^u(x)]$, so $d\Phi_0 P_{\phi(x)}^\perp = 0$

Stable Component: Since $\phi(X) \subseteq \Theta$, $\phi(h^{-1}x) \approx \bar{T}'(y)$, for some $y \in \Lambda$, and the error $\rightarrow 0$ as Θ shrinks to Λ .

$$\begin{aligned} (dS)_{\phi(h^{-1}x)} v^s(h^{-1}x) &\equiv (dS)_{\phi(h^{-1}x)} P_{\phi(h^{-1}x)}^s v^s(h^{-1}x) \\ &\approx (dS)_{\bar{T}'(y)} P_{\bar{T}'(y)}^s v^s(h^{-1}x) & (\because \phi(h^{-1}x) \approx \bar{T}'(y) \\ & & E^s(\cdot) \text{ cts on } \Theta) \\ &\approx (dT)_{\bar{T}'(y)} P_{\bar{T}'(y)}^s v^s(h^{-1}x) & (\because \text{dist}_C(T, S) \ll 1) \\ &\in E^s(y) & (\because y \in \Lambda \text{ so } (dT)_{\bar{T}'(y)} E^s(\bar{T}'(y)) = E^s(y)) \\ &\approx E^s(T\phi h^{-1}(x)) & (\because \phi(h^{-1}x) \approx \bar{T}'(y)) \\ &\approx E^s(S\phi h^{-1}(x)) & (\because \text{dist}_C(T, S) \ll 1) \\ &\approx E^s(\phi h h^{-1}(x)) = E^s(\phi(x)) & (\because \text{dist}_{C^0}(S\phi, hS) \ll 1) \end{aligned}$$

The symbols $\approx$ mean that the error in the approximation can be made arbitrarily small by taking Θ sufficiently close to Λ , and $\text{dist}_C(T, S)$, $\text{dist}_C(\phi h, S\phi)$ suff. small.

Thus, $dS_{\phi(h^{-1}x)} v^s(h^{-1}x)$ is approximately inside $E^s(\phi(x))$. So

$$\|P_{S\phi(h^{-1}x)}^u(dS_{\phi(h^{-1}x)} v^s(h^{-1}x))\|' \approx \|P_{\phi(x)}^u(\text{vector approx. inside } E^s(\phi(x)))\|$$

$$\approx 0 \cdot \|v^s(h^{-1}x)\|, \text{ and}$$

$$\|P_{\phi(x)}^s(dS_{\phi(h^{-1}x)} v^s(h^{-1}x))\|' \approx \|dS_{\phi(h^{-1}x)} v^s(h^{-1}x)\|'$$

$$\approx \|(dT)_{T_y^{-1}} P_{T_y^{-1}}^s v^s(h^{-1}x)\|$$

$$\leq \lambda \|P_{T_y^{-1}}^s v^s(h^{-1}x)\|, \quad \lambda := \text{contraction coefficient of } dT \text{ on } E^s \text{ on } \Lambda$$

$$\approx \lambda \|P_{h^{-1}(x)}^s v^s(h^{-1}x)\| = \lambda \|v^s(h^{-1}x)\|.$$

It follows that by choosing $\theta, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$ appropriately, we can guarantee that for some $\mu < 1$, for all $v \in T_x$

$$\|P^s d\Phi_0 v^s\|' \leq \mu \|v^s\|, \quad \|P^u d\Phi_0 v^s\|' \leq \varepsilon \|v^s\|.$$

Unstable Component: Similar calculations show that by choosing $\theta, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$ appropriately, we can guarantee that for some $0 < \mu < 1$ and for all $v \in T_x$

$$\|P^u d\Phi_0 v^u\|' \geq \mu^{-1} \|v^u\|, \quad \|P^s d\Phi_0 v^u\|' \leq \varepsilon \|v^u\|.$$

In summary: Define the following operator on $\mathbb{R}^N$

$$A^{ss}(x) = P_{(S \oplus h^{-1})G}^s \circ dS_{\phi(h^{-1}x)} \circ P_{\phi(h^{-1}x)}^s \quad \text{contracts by } \mu \approx \lambda$$

$$A^{uu}(x) = P_{(S \oplus h^{-1})G}^u \circ dS_{\phi(h^{-1}x)} \circ P_{\phi(h^{-1}x)}^u \quad \text{expands by } \mu^{-1} \approx \lambda^{-1}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} A^{su}(x) &= P_{(S \oplus h^{-1})G}^s \circ dS_{\phi(h^{-1}x)} \circ P_{\phi(h^{-1}x)}^u \\ A^{us}(x) &= P_{(S \oplus h^{-1})G}^u \circ dS_{\phi(h^{-1}x)} \circ P_{\phi(h^{-1}x)}^s \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \text{have arbitrarily small norms}$$

Now let's return to the inversion problem

$$\boxed{(\mathbb{I} - d\Phi_0)\zeta = w}$$

Decomposing $\zeta = \zeta^u + \zeta^s + \zeta^\perp$, $w = w^u + w^s + w^\perp$, we obtain that for all $x \in X$,

$$\left[\mathbb{I} - \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} A^{ss} & A^{su} & 0 \\ A^{us} & A^{uu} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_A \right] \begin{pmatrix} \zeta^u(h^{-1}x) \\ \zeta^s(h^{-1}x) \\ \zeta^\perp(h^{-1}x) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} w^u(x) \\ w^s(x) \\ w^\perp(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that A is a perturbation of the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} A^{ss} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A^{uu} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ which has spectrum $\subseteq [0, \mu] \cup [\mu^{-1}, \infty) \subseteq \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}$.

By choosing $\theta, \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$ appropriately, we can guarantee that $\text{spect}(A) \subseteq \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\} \Rightarrow (\mathbb{I} - A)$ is invertible, and $(\mathbb{I} - A(x))^{-1}$ is uniformly bounded. *

Thus $(\mathbb{I} - d\Phi_0)^{-1}\zeta = (\mathbb{I} - A(x))^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \zeta^s(hx) \\ \zeta^u(hx) \\ \zeta^\perp(hx) \end{pmatrix}$ exists, and is bounded. □

* More details on this below.

More Details on the Last Step

Exercise: If $A: B \rightarrow B$ is a bounded linear operator on a Banach space and $\|A\| < 1$, then $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A^n$ is a bounded linear operator equal to $(I-A)^{-1}$.

Lemma: Given $0 < \mu < 1$ there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ as follows.

Suppose $A^{ss}, A^{uu}, A^{su}, A^{us}$ are square matrices s.t.

$$\|A^{su}\|, \|A^{us}\| < \varepsilon, \|A^{ss}\| \leq \mu, \|(A^{uu})^{-1}\| \leq \mu.$$

Then $I - \begin{pmatrix} A^{ss} & A^{su} & 0 \\ A^{us} & A^{uu} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is invertible and the norm of the inverse is less than $2/(1-\mu)$.

Proof. First consider $D := \begin{pmatrix} A^{ss} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & A^{uu} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

Decompose $\mathbb{R}^N = \mathbb{R}^{N_s} \oplus \mathbb{R}^{N_u} \oplus \mathbb{R}^{N_0}$ where N_s, N_u, N_0 are the number of rows and columns in A^{ss}, A^{uu} , zero matrix below them. Decompose

$$v = v^s + v^u + v^0 \quad \text{accordingly.}$$

Let's solve $(I-D)v = w$. This resolves to

$$(I-0) v^0 = w^0 \Rightarrow v^0 = w^0$$

$$(I-A^{ss}) v^s = w^s \Rightarrow v^s = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (A^{ss})^k v^s$$

$$(I-A^{uu}) v^u = w^u \Leftrightarrow ((A^{uu})^{-1} - I) v^u = (A^{uu})^{-1} w^u$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (I - (A^{uu})^{-1}) v^u = -(A^{uu})^{-1} w^u$$

$$\Leftrightarrow v^u = -\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (A^{uu})^{-k-1} w^u$$

Thus $(I-D)$ is invertible, and the inverse operator has norm less than

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{1-\|A^{ss}\|}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{1-\|(A^{us})^{-1}\|}\right)^2 + 1}$$

$$\leq \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{(1-\mu)^2}} \leq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{1-\mu} < \frac{2}{1-\mu}.$$

Next, consider $(I-A)^{-1}$. Note that

$$\|A-D\| \leq \sqrt{\|A^{ss}\|^2 + \|(A^{us})^{-1}\|^2} < 2\varepsilon$$

Write: $I-A = (I-D) + (D-A) =$

$$= (I-D) \left(I - (I-D)^{-1}(A-D) \right)$$

If $\|(I-D)^{-1}(A-D)\| < 1/2$ (which happens as soon

as $\frac{2\varepsilon}{1-\mu} < 1/2$, or equiv. $\varepsilon < \frac{1-\mu}{4}$),

then we can invert:

$$(I-A)^{-1} = \left(I - (I-D)^{-1}(A-D) \right)^{-1} (I-D)^{-1}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left((I-D)^{-1}(A-D) \right)^n (I-D)^{-1}.$$

The norm of the inverse is less than

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n} (I-D)^{-1} \leq \frac{2}{1-\mu}.$$

□