

HYPERBOLIC HOMEOMORPHISMS

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1. Introduction

In [6], we introduce a hyperbolic homeomorphism on a compact metrizable space and show that a hyperbolic homeomorphism is topologically stable. The purpose of this paper is to study a necessary and sufficient condition for a homeomorphism to be hyperbolic. We get the following theorem.

THEOREM. *Let X be a compact metrizable space. A homeomorphism $f : X \rightarrow X$ is hyperbolic if and only if f is expansive and has the pseudo orbits tracing property.*

2. Preliminaries

Let X be a compact metric space with a metric d and $f : X \rightarrow X$ a homeomorphism. Recall that f is expansive if there exists a constant $\epsilon > 0$ such that

$$d(f^n(x), f^n(y)) \leq \epsilon \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{implies } x = y.$$

The constant ϵ is called expansive constant for f . This property is independent of the metric chosen for X . Recall that a sequence $(x_i)_{i=m}^n$, $-\infty \leq m \leq 0 \leq n \leq \infty$, in X is a δ -pseudo orbit if

$$d(f(x_i), x_{i+1}) \leq \delta \quad \text{for all } m-1 < i < n.$$

We say that f has the pseudo orbits tracing property if and only if for every $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that any δ -pseudo orbit

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$(x_i)_{i=m}^n$, $-\infty \leq m \leq 0 \leq n \leq \infty$, is ε -traced by some point x of X , that is,

$$d(f^i(x), x_i) \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } m-1 < i < n+1.$$

This property is independent of the metric chosen for X . Let $x \in X$ and $\varepsilon > 0$. We define the stable and unstable set of size ε at x :

$$W_d^s(x, \varepsilon) = \{y \in X \mid d(f^n(x), f^n(y)) \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } n \geq 0\},$$

$$W_d^u(x, \varepsilon) = \{y \in X \mid d(f^n(x), f^n(y)) \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } n \leq 0\}.$$

We define a closed neighborhood $B_d(\varepsilon)$ of the diagonal Δ of X^2 by

$$B_d(\varepsilon) = \{(x, y) \in X^2 \mid d(x, y) \leq \varepsilon\}.$$

DEFINITION 2.1. Let X be a compact metrizable space. A homeomorphism $f : X \rightarrow X$ is hyperbolic if there exist a metric d compatible with the topology of X , constants $\varepsilon_0 > 0, \delta_0 > 0, c > 0, 0 < \lambda < 1$, and a continuous map $[\cdot, \cdot] : B_d(\delta_0) \rightarrow X$ such that the following three conditions hold.

- (1) if $y \in W_d^s(x, \varepsilon_0)$, then $d(f^n(x), f^n(y)) \leq c\lambda^n d(x, y)$ for all $n \geq 0$,
- (2) if $y \in W_d^u(x, \varepsilon_0)$, then $d(f^n(x), f^n(y)) \leq c\lambda^{-n} d(x, y)$ for all $n \leq 0$,
- (3) if $d(x, y) \leq \delta_0$, then $W_d^s(x, \varepsilon_0) \cap W_d^u(y, \varepsilon_0) = \{[x, y]\}$.

The following lemma is due to Frink ([2], [3]).

LEMMA 2.1. Let $(W_n)_{n=0}^\infty$ be a nested sequence of symmetric neighborhoods of the diagonal Δ of X^2 with $W_0 = X^2$ such that

$$W_{n+1} \circ W_{n+1} \circ W_{n+1} \subset W_n \quad \text{for all } n \geq 0,$$

$$\bigcap_{n=0}^\infty W_n = \Delta.$$

Then there exists a metric d compatible with the topology of X such that

$$W_n \subset B_d\left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right) \subset W_{n-1} \quad \text{for all } n \geq 1.$$

3. Proof of the theorem

Suppose that f is hyperbolic with respect to a metric d . Let $c = \min\{\varepsilon_0, \delta_0\}$. If $d(f^n(x), f^n(y)) \leq c$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $x, y \in W_d^s(x, \varepsilon_0) \cap W_d^u(y, \varepsilon_0) = \{[x, y]\}$. Thus $x = y$. Hence f is expansive.

To show that f has the pseudo orbits tracing property the following lemma is needed.

LEMMA 3.1. *Assume that for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that every δ -pseudo orbit $(x_i)_{i=0}^n, 0 \leq n < \infty$, is ε -traced by some point of X . Then f has the pseudo orbits tracing property.*

Proof. We first show that every δ -pseudo orbit $(x_i)_{i=m}^n, -\infty < m \leq 0 \leq n < \infty$, can be ε -traced by some point of X . Let $y_j = x_{j+m}, 0 \leq j \leq n - m$. Then $(y_j)_{j=0}^{n-m}$ is also a δ -pseudo orbit. Thus $(y_j)_{j=0}^{n-m}$ is ε -traced by some point y of X . Let $x = f^{-m}(y)$. For $m \leq i \leq n$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(f^i(x), x_i) &= d(f^{i-m}(y), x_i) \\ &= d(f^j(y), x_{j+m}) = d(f^j(y), y_j) \leq \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $(x_j)_{j=m}^n$ is ε -traced by x .

We now show that f has the pseudo orbits tracing property. Let $(x_i)_{i=-\infty}^{\infty}$ be a δ -pseudo orbit. For each $n > 0$, the δ -pseudo orbit $(x_i)_{i=-n}^n$ is ε -traced by some point y_n of X . Since X is compact, the sequence (y_n) has a convergent subsequence (y_{n_j}) . Let $y_{n_j} \rightarrow y$. For each $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, since $f^i(y_{n_j}) \rightarrow f^i(y)$, we can choose j such that

$$d(f^i(y), f^i(y_{n_j})) \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad -n_j \leq i \leq n_j$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(f^i(y), x_i) &\leq d(f^i(y), f^i(y_{n_j})) + d(f^i(y_{n_j}), x_i) \\ &\leq 2\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $(x_i)_{i=-\infty}^{\infty}$ is 2ε -traced by y . Hence f has the pseudo orbits tracing property.

Let us show that f has the pseudo orbit tracing property. Given any $\varepsilon > 0$, let $0 < p \leq \min\{c\varepsilon, \frac{(1-\lambda)\varepsilon}{2c}\}$, $0 < \delta_1 \leq \min\{\varepsilon_0, \delta_0, \frac{p}{c}\}$. Then

$$d(x, y) \leq \delta_1 \quad \text{implies} \quad W_d^s(x, p) \cap W_d^u(y, p) = \{[x, y]\}.$$

Take $m > 0$ such that $\lambda^m < \frac{\delta_1}{2cp}$ and let $\delta_2 = \frac{\delta_1}{2m}$. There exists a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$d(x, y) \leq \delta \quad \text{implies} \quad d(f^i(x), f^i(y)) \leq \delta_2 \quad \text{for all} \quad 0 \leq i < m.$$

Given any δ -pseudo orbit $(x_i)_{i=0}^n, 0 \leq n < \infty$, choose $k > 0$ such that $n < km$ and let

$$y_i = \begin{cases} x_i & \text{for } 0 \leq i \leq n \\ f^{i-n}(x_n) & \text{for } n \leq i \leq km. \end{cases}$$

Then $(y_i)_{i=0}^{km}$ is a δ -pseudo orbit. Let $1 \leq j \leq m$. For any i ,

$$\begin{aligned} d(f^j(y_i), y_{i+j}) &\leq \sum_{s=0}^{j-1} d(f^{j-s}(y_{i+s}), f^{j-s-1}(y_{i+s+1})) \\ &\leq j\delta_2 \leq \frac{\delta_1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $z_j = [y_{jm}, f^m(z_{j-1})], z_0 = y_0$. Let $w = f^{km}(z_k)$. For $(i-1)m \leq j < im, 1 \leq i \leq k$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(f^j(w), y_j) &\leq d(f^{j-km}(z_k), f^{j-(i-1)m}(z_{i-1})) \\ &\quad + d(f^{j-(i-1)m}(z_{i-1}), f^{j-(i-1)m}(y_{(i-1)m})) \\ &\quad + d(f^{j-(i-1)m}(y_{(i-1)m}), y_j), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &d(f^{j-km}(z_k), f^{j-(i-1)m}(z_{i-1})) \\ &\leq \sum_{s=0}^{k-i} d(f^{j-(k-s)m}(z_{k-s}), f^{j-(k-(i-1)m)}(z_{k-s-1})) \\ &\leq \sum_{s=0}^{k-i} cp\lambda^{(k-s)m-j}, \end{aligned}$$

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$$d(f^{j-(i-1)m}(z_{i-1}), f^{j-(i-1)m}(y_{(i-1)m})) \leq cp\lambda^{j-(i-1)m} \leq cp$$

$$d(f^{j-(i-1)m}(y_{(i-1)m}), y_j) \leq \frac{\delta_1}{2}.$$

Thus $d(f^j(w), y_j) \leq cp \sum_{s=0}^{\infty} \lambda^s + \frac{\delta_1}{2} \leq \varepsilon$. Hence $(x_i)_{i=0}^n$ is ε -traced by w .

By Lemma 3.1, f has the pseudo orbits tracing property.

Suppose that f is expansive and has the pseudo orbits tracing property with respect to metric d . To show that f is hyperbolic we need some lemmas.

We define a nested sequence of closed symmetric neighborhoods of the diagonal Δ of X^2 as follows. Set $V_0 = X^2$ and for $n \geq 1$ define the set V_n as follows:

$$V_n = \{(x, y) \in X^2 \mid d(f^i(x), f^i(y)) \leq \varepsilon \text{ for } |i| \leq n-1\}.$$

LEMMA 3.2. *For each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $m > 0$ such that $V_m \subset B_d(\varepsilon)$.*

Proof. Suppose that Lemma 3.2 does not hold. There exists $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that $V_n \not\subset B_d(\varepsilon)$ for all $n > 0$. For each $n > 0$ there exists $(x_n, y_n) \in V_n - B_d(\varepsilon_0)$. Since X^2 is compact, the sequence $((x_n, y_n))$ has a convergent subsequence. Let $(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow (x, y)$. For any $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, take $m > |n|$, then

$$d(f^n(x_m), f^n(y_m)) \leq \varepsilon \text{ because } (x_m, y_m) \in V_m.$$

As $m \rightarrow \infty$, $d(f^n(x), f^n(y)) \leq \varepsilon$. Thus $x = y$. Since $d(x_n, y_n) > \varepsilon_0$ for all $n > 0$, take $n \rightarrow \infty$, $d(x, y) \geq \varepsilon_0$. We have a contradiction. Thus Lemma 3.2 holds.

LEMMA 3.3. $\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} V_n = \Delta$.

Proof. It is obvious that $\Delta \subset \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} V_n$. Let $(x, y) \in \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} V_n$. For any $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, since $(x, y) \in V_{|n|+1}$, $d(f^n(x), f^n(y)) \leq \varepsilon$. Thus $x = y$ so $(x, y) \in \Delta$. Hence $\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} V_n = \Delta$.

By Lemma 3.2, there exists $m > 0$ such that $V_{m+1} \subset B_d(\frac{\epsilon}{3}) \subset B_d(\epsilon) = V_1$. We define a new nested sequence of closed symmetric neighborhoods of Δ as follows. Put $W_0 = V_0$ and $W_k = V_{(k-1)m+1}$.

LEMMA 3.4.

$$(1) \quad \bigcap_{k=0}^{\infty} W_k = \Delta$$

$$(2) \quad W_{k+1} \circ W_{k+1} \circ W_{k+1} \subset W_k \quad \text{for all } k \geq 0.$$

Proof. (1) It is obvious that $\Delta \subset \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} W_n$. Let $(x, y) \in \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} W_n$. For any $n \geq 0$, there exists $k > 0$ such that $n \leq (k-1)m+1$. We have $(x, y) \in W_k = V_{(k-1)m+1} \subset V_n$. Thus $(x, y) \in \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} V_n = \Delta$. Hence $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} W_n = \Delta$.

(2) Trivially, $W_1 \circ W_1 \circ W_1 \subset X^2 = V_0 = W_0$. Let $(x, y) \in W_2 \circ W_2 \circ W_2 = V_{m+1} \circ V_{m+1} \circ V_{m+1}$. There exist $z, w \in X$ such that $(x, z), (z, w), (w, y) \in V_{m+1} \subset B_d(\frac{\epsilon}{3})$. Since $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, w) + d(w, y) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} + \frac{\epsilon}{3} = \epsilon$, $(x, y) \in B_d(\epsilon) = V_1 = W_1$. Thus we have $W_2 \circ W_2 \circ W_2 \subset W_1$. Now suppose $(x, y) \in W_{k+1} \circ W_{k+1} \circ W_{k+1}$ for $k > 1$. Then there exist $z, w \in X$ such that $(x, z), (z, w), (w, y) \in W_{k+1} = V_{km+1}$. If (p, q) is any of those three pairs, then $d(f^i(p), f^i(q)) \leq \epsilon$ for $|i| \leq km$. If $|i| \leq (k-1)m$ and $|j| \leq m$, then $|i+j| \leq km$ so we may compute as follows:

$$d(f^j(f^i(p)), f^j(f^i(q))) = d(f^{i+j}(p), f^{i+j}(q)) \leq \epsilon.$$

Therefore, $(f^i(p), f^i(q)) \in V_{m+1} = W_2$ and hence

$$(f^i(x), f^i(y)) \in W_2 \circ W_2 \circ W_2 \subset W_1 = V_1 = B_d(\epsilon).$$

That is $d(f^i(x), f^i(y)) \leq \epsilon$ for $|i| \leq (k-1)m$. Therefore $(x, y) \in V_{(k-1)m+1} = W_k$. So $W_{k+1} \circ W_{k+1} \circ W_{k+1} \subset W_k$.

The following lemma is an immediate consequence of Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 3.4.

LEMMA 3.5. *There exists a metric D compatible with the topology of X such that*

$$B_D\left(\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}\right) \subset W_n \subset B_D\left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right) \quad \text{for } n \geq 1.$$

LEMMA 3.6.

$$\begin{aligned} f(W_d^s(x, e) \cap xV_n) &= W_d^s(f(x), e) \cap f(x)V_{n+1}, \\ f^{-1}(W_d^u(x, e) \cap xV_n) &= W_d^u(f^{-1}(x), e) \cap f^{-1}(x)V_{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

for all $n \geq 1$.

Proof. Let $y \in f(W_d^s(x, e) \cap xV_n)$. Then $f^{-1}(y) \in W_d^s(x, e) \cap xV_n$. For $i \geq 0$, $d(f^i f(x), f^i(y)) = d(f^{i+1}(x), f^{i+1} f^{-1}(y)) \leq e$. Thus $y \in W_d^s(f(x), e)$. For $-n \leq i \leq n$, $d(f^i f(x), f^i(y)) = d(f^{i+1}(x), f^{i+1} f^{-1}(y)) \leq e$ since $-(n-1) \leq i+1$. Thus $(f(x), y) \in V_{n+1}$. Hence $y \in W_d^s(f(x), e) \cap f(x)V_{n+1}$. Let $y \in W_d^s(f(x), e) \cap f(x)V_{n+1}$. Then $d(x, f^{-1}(y)) = d(f^{-1} f(x), f^{-1}(y)) \leq e$, and for $i \geq 1$, $d(f^i(x), f^i f^{-1}(y)) = d(f^{i-1} f(x), f^{i-1}(y)) \leq e$. Thus $f^{-1}(y) \in W_d^s(x, e)$. For $-(n-1) \leq i \leq n-1$, $d(f^i(x), f^i f^{-1}(y)) = d(f^{i-1} f(x), f^{i-1}(y)) \leq e$ since $-n \leq i-1$. Thus $(x, f^{-1}(y)) \in V_n$. Hence $f^{-1}(y) \in W_d^s(x, e) \cap xV_n$ that is $y \in f(W_d^s(x, e) \cap xV_n)$.

LEMMA 3.7. If $0 < D(x, y) \leq \frac{1}{4}$, then there exists $n \geq 2$ such that $(x, y) \in W_{n-1} - W_n$.

Proof. Since $x \neq y$, $(x, y) \in \Delta^c = (\bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} W_n)^c = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} W_n^c$. Thus there exists $n \geq 1$ such that $(x, y) \notin W_n$. Let $k = \min\{n \geq 1 \mid (x, y) \notin W_n\}$. Then $(x, y) \in W_{k-1} - W_k$. Since $(x, y) \notin W_k$ and $B_D(\frac{1}{2^{k+1}}) \subset W_k$, $(x, y) \notin B_D(\frac{1}{2^{k+1}})$. Thus $\frac{1}{2^{k+1}} < D(x, y) \leq \frac{1}{4}$. Hence $k \geq 2$.

Let us show that f is hyperbolic with respect to D . There exists $\varepsilon_1 > 0$ such that $D(x, y) \leq \varepsilon_1$ implies $d(x, y) \leq e$. Therefore $W_D^s(x, \varepsilon_1) \subset W_d^s(x, e)$. Let $\varepsilon_0 = \min\{\varepsilon_1, \frac{1}{4}\}$. We first show that if $y \in W_D^s(x, \varepsilon_0)$, then

$$D(f^{3m}(x), f^{3m}(y)) \leq \frac{1}{2} D(x, y).$$

If $x = y$, then this is obvious. Let $x \neq y$. Since $0 < D(x, y) \leq \varepsilon_0 \leq \frac{1}{4}$, by lemma 3.7, there exists $n \geq 2$ such that $(x, y) \in W_{n-1} - W_n$. For $i \geq 0$, $d(f^i(x), f^i(y)) \leq e$ since $D(f^i(x), f^i(y)) \leq \varepsilon_0 \leq \varepsilon_1$. Thus $y \in W_d^s(x, e)$. Since $(x, y) \in W_{n-1}$, $y \in xW_{n-1}$. Thus $y \in W_d^s(x, e) \cap$

xW_{n-1} . By Lemma 3.6,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f^{3m}(y) &\in f^{3m}(W_d^s(x, e) \cap xW_{n-1}) \\
 &= f^{3m}(W_d^s(x, e) \cap xV_{(n-2)m+1}) \\
 &= W_d^s(f^{3m}(x), e) \cap f^{3m}(x)V_{(n+1)m+1} \\
 &= W_d^s(f^{3m}(x), e) \cap f^{3m}(x)W_{n+2} \\
 &\subset f^{3m}(x)W_{n+2} \subset f^{3m}(x)B_D\left(\frac{1}{2^{n+2}}\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $(f^{3m}(x), f^{3m}(y)) \in B_D(\frac{1}{2^{n+2}})$. Therefore $D(f^{3m}(x), f^{3m}(y)) \leq \frac{1}{2^{n+2}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} < \frac{1}{2}D(x, y)$. By induction,

$$D(f^{3km}(x), f^{3km}(y)) \leq \frac{1}{2^k}D(x, y).$$

Let $\lambda = 2^{-\frac{1}{3m}}$. Then $0 < \lambda < 1$. Let us show that if $y \in W_D^s(x, \varepsilon_0)$, then $D(f^n(x), f^n(y)) \leq 8\lambda^n D(x, y)$ for $n \geq 0$. If $x = y$, then the above inequality holds. Let $x \neq y, n = 3km + i, 0 \leq i < 3m$. Since $0 < D(f^{3km}(x), f^{3km}(y)) \leq \varepsilon_0 \leq \frac{1}{4}$, by Lemma 3.7, there exists $p \geq 2$ such that $(f^{3km}(x), f^{3km}(y)) \in W_{p-1} - W_p$. Since $f^{3km}(y) \in W_d^s(f^{3km}(x), e) \cap f^{3km}(x)W_{p-1}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 f^n(y) &= f^i(f^{3km}(y)) \in f^i(W_d^s(f^{3km}(x), e) \cap f^{3km}(x)W_{p-1}) \\
 &= f^i(W_d^s(f^{3km}(x), e) \cap f^{3km}(x)V_{(p-2)m+1}) \\
 &= W_d^s(f^n(x), e) \cap f^n(x)V_{(p-2)m+i+1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $(f^n(x), f^n(y)) \in V_{(p-2)m+i+1} \subset V_{(p-2)m+1} = W_{p-1} \subset B_D(\frac{1}{2^{p-1}})$. Since $(f^{3km}(x), f^{3km}(y)) \notin W_p$ and $B_D(\frac{1}{2^{p+1}}) \subset W_p$,

$$(f^{3km}(x), f^{3km}(y)) \notin B_D\left(\frac{1}{2^{p+1}}\right).$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 D(f^n(x), f^n(y)) &\leq \frac{1}{2^{p-1}} = \frac{4}{2^{p+1}} \leq 4D(f^{3km}(x), f^{3km}(y)) \\
 &\leq 4 \cdot \frac{1}{2^k} D(x, y) = 4\lambda^{3km} D(x, y) \\
 &\leq \frac{4}{\lambda^i} \lambda^n D(x, y) \\
 &\leq 8\lambda^n D(x, y).
 \end{aligned}$$

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By the same way, we can show that if $y \in W_D^u(x, \varepsilon_0)$, then

$$D(f^n(x), f^n(y)) \leq 8\lambda^{-n}D(x, y) \quad \text{for } n \leq 0.$$

f is expansive with respect to D . Let e be an expansive constant for f . We may assume that $\varepsilon_0 \leq \frac{e}{3}$. There exists $0 < \delta_1 \leq \varepsilon_0$ such that

$$D(x, y) \leq \delta_1 \quad \text{implies} \quad D(f(x), f(y)) \leq \varepsilon_0.$$

Since f has the pseudo orbits tracing property with respect to D , there exists $0 < \delta_0 \leq \delta_1$ such that every δ_0 -pseudo orbit is δ_1 -traced by some point of X . Let $(x, y) \in B_D(\delta_0)$. Define a δ_0 -pseudo orbit $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ by

$$x_n = \begin{cases} f^n(x) & \text{for } n \geq 0 \\ f^n(y) & \text{for } n < 0. \end{cases}$$

There exists $z \in X$ such that

$$D(f^n(z), x_n) \leq \delta_1 \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

It is easy to show that z is unique. Define a map $[\cdot, \cdot] : B_D(\delta_0) \rightarrow X$ by $[x, y] = z$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} D(f^n(x), f^n([x, y])) &= D(x_n, f^n(z)) \leq \delta_1 \leq \varepsilon_0 \quad \text{for all } n \geq 0, \\ D(f^n(y), f^n([x, y])) &= D(x_n, f^n(z)) \leq \delta_1 \leq \varepsilon_0 \quad \text{for all } n < 0, \quad \text{and} \\ D(f^{-1}(y), f^{-1}([x, y])) &\leq \delta_1 \quad \text{implies} \end{aligned}$$

$$D(f(f^{-1}(y)), f(f^{-1}([x, y]))) = D(y, [x, y]) \leq \varepsilon_0,$$

$[x, y] \in W_D^s(x, \varepsilon_0) \cap W_D^u(y, \varepsilon_0)$. Let $z_1, z_2 \in W_D^s(x, \varepsilon_0) \cap W_D^u(y, \varepsilon_0)$. Since

$$\begin{aligned} D(f^n(z_1), f^n(z_2)) &\leq D(f^n(z_1), f^n(x)) + D(f^n(x), f^n(z_2)) \\ &\leq 2\varepsilon_0 \leq e \quad \text{for all } n \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} D(f^n(z_1), f^n(z_2)) &\leq D(f^n(z_1), f^n(y)) + D(f^n(y), f^n(z_2)) \\ &\leq 2\varepsilon_0 \leq e \quad \text{for all } n \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

$z_1 = z_2$. Thus $W_D^s(x, \varepsilon_0) \cap W_D^u(y, \varepsilon_0) = \{[x, y]\}$. Let us show that $[\cdot, \cdot]$ is continuous. Given any $\varepsilon > 0$, by lemma 3.2, there exists $m > 0$ such that $V_{m+1} \subset B_D(\varepsilon)$. We can choose $\delta > 0$ such that if $D(x, y) \leq \delta$, then $D(f^i(x), f^i(y)) \leq \varepsilon_0$ for all $-m \leq i \leq m$. Let $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in B_D(\delta_0)$. $D(x_1, x_2) \leq \delta, D(y_1, y_2) \leq \delta$. Since $D(f^i(x_1), f^i(x_2)) \leq \varepsilon_0$ for $-m \leq i \leq m$,

$$\begin{aligned} D(f^i(x_1), f^i([x_1, y_1])) &\leq \varepsilon_0 \quad \text{for } i \geq 0, \quad \text{and} \\ D(f^i(x_2), f^i([x_2, y_2])) &\leq \varepsilon_0 \quad \text{for } i \geq 0, \\ D(f^i([x_1, y_1]), f^i([x_2, y_2])) &\leq 3\varepsilon_0 \leq e \quad \text{for } 0 \leq i \leq m. \end{aligned}$$

Since $D(f^i(y_1), f^i(y_2)) \leq \varepsilon_0$ for $-m \leq i \leq m$,

$$\begin{aligned} D(f^i(y_1), f^i([x_1, y_1])) &\leq \varepsilon_0 \quad \text{for } i \leq 0, \quad \text{and} \\ D(f^i(y_2), f^i([x_2, y_2])) &\leq \varepsilon_0 \quad \text{for } i \leq 0, \\ D(f^i([x_1, y_1]), f^i([x_2, y_2])) &\leq 3\varepsilon_0 \leq e \quad \text{for } -m \leq i \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $([x_1, y_1], [x_2, y_2]) \in V_{m+1} \subset B_D(\varepsilon)$. So $D([x_1, y_1], [x_2, y_2]) \leq \varepsilon$. Hence $[\cdot, \cdot]$ is continuous. Therefore f is hyperbolic with respect to D .

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