

40 Anosov systems

40.1 Anosov system

$f \in C^r(M, M)$ is Anosov, if $\Omega(f) = M$ and hyperbolic.

In more detailed words:⁴³⁶

An Anosov diffeomorphism $f : M \rightarrow M$ is a diffeomorphism which satisfies the following:

(a) There is a continuous splitting of the tangent bundle $TM = E^s + E^u$ which is preserved by the derivative Df .

(b) There exist constants $C > 0$, $C' > 0$ and $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ (i.e., hyperbolicity) and a Riemannian metric $\| \cdot \|$ on TM such that

$$\|Df^n(v)\| \leq C\lambda^n\|v\| \text{ for } v \in E^s, \quad (40.1)$$

$$\|Df^n(v)\| \geq C'\lambda^{-n}\|v\| \text{ for } v \in E^u. \quad (40.2)$$

40.2 Some properties of Anosov systems

$\text{Per}(f)$ is countable and dense in M .

Anosov systems are structurally stable.

If the Lebesgue measure may be introduced on M , Anosov systems are ergodic with respect to it.

Thus, clearly being Anosov excludes being Morse-Smale **38.5**. Obviously, MS diffeomorphisms are not dense for $d \geq 2$.

40.3 Toral diffeomorphism

Integer matrices L with $|\det L| = 1$ on T^n (constructed from the unit cube with periodic boundary conditions) is called toral diffeomorphisms.

For $TM = E^s \oplus E^u$, if $\dim E^u$ or $\dim E^s = 1$, the toral diffeomorphisms is said to be codimension one.

Theorem [Franks] An Anosov diffeomorphism f is homomorphic to a toral diffeomorphism, if f is codimension 1.

⁴³⁶Taken from J Franks, 'Anosov diffeomorphisms on tori,' Trans AMS 145, 117 (1969).

40.4 Group automorphism on T^2

Let A be a regular 2×2 integer matrix:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}. \quad (40.3)$$

This defines a homomorphism $T_A : T^2 \rightarrow T^2$:

$$T_A(x, y) = (ax + by, cx + dy) \bmod 1. \quad (40.4)$$

If $\det T_A = \pm 1$, this is an automorphism (homeomorphism onto itself).

Notice that A need not be normal (i.e., $AA^* = A^*A$), so even if eigenvalues of A are distinct, it need not be diagonalizable with an orthogonal transformation. Thus, the two eigendirections may not be orthogonal. These are well illustrated by Thom's diffeomorphism [40.5](#).

40.5 Thom diffeomorphism

A toral diffeomorphism $T_A : T^2 \rightarrow T^2$ with

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (40.5)$$

is called the Thom diffeomorphism (physicists often call it 'Arnold's cat map, since they read easy-reading books only).

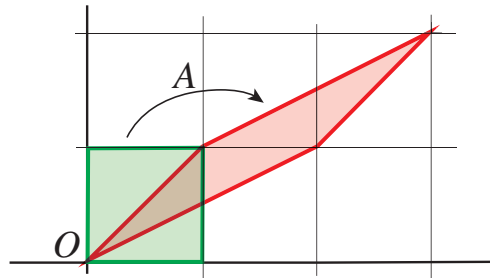


Figure 40.1: Thom's diffeomorphism is obtained from A by imposing a periodic boundary condition on the green square.

The origin corresponds to a hyperbolic fixed point p . The set of homoclinic points

$W^s(p) \cap W^u(p)$ is dense in T^2 (as you can guess from Fig. 40.4), so the periodic points are dense in T^2 . This defines an Anosov system on T^2 . It is called Arnold's cat map, because something like Fig. 40.2 was used by Arnold and Avez⁴³⁷ what horrible things could happen for Anosov system.⁴³⁸

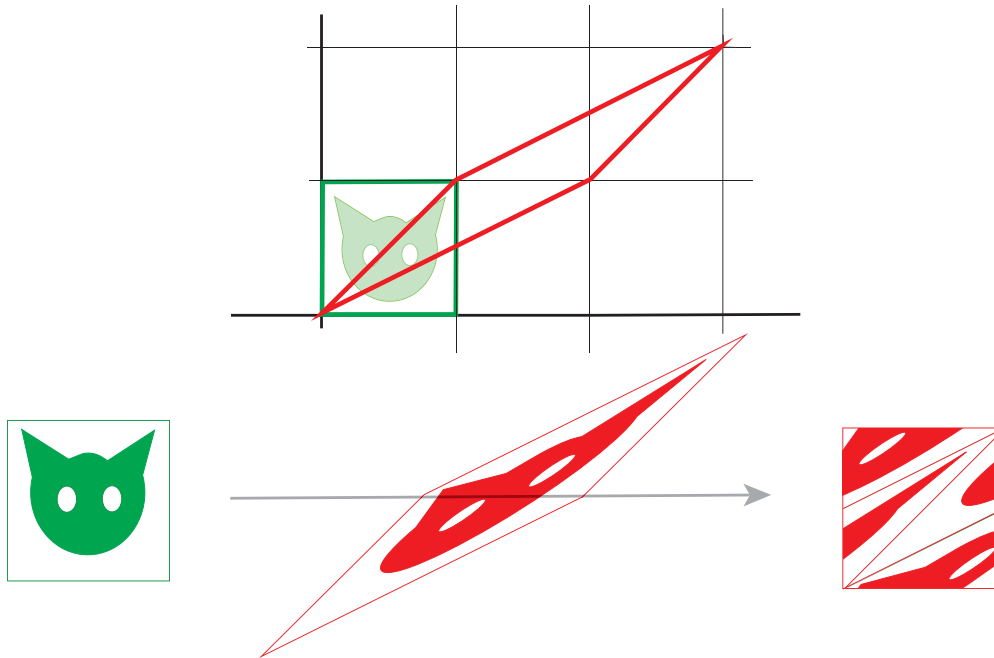


Figure 40.2: Thom's diffeomorphism

Note that $\det A = 1$. The eigenvalues and the corresponding eigenvectors of A are given by $(3 \pm \sqrt{5})/2$ (respectively) with $(1, (-1 \pm \sqrt{5})/2)^T$. We see that the Kolmogorov-Sinai entropy is $\log(3 + \sqrt{2})/2$.

⁴³⁷V I Arnold and A Avez, *Ergodic Problems of Classical Mechanics* (The Mathematical physics monograph series) (Benjamin 1968). This is a classic.

⁴³⁸A whole cat is kneaded here with T^2 illustrated: https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/9/9e/Arnold%27s_cat_map.png.

40.6 Markov partition for Thom automorphism

Using the eigendirections in 40.5, we can make a Markov partition consisting of parallelograms, noting that stable and unstable manifolds must go through lattice points.

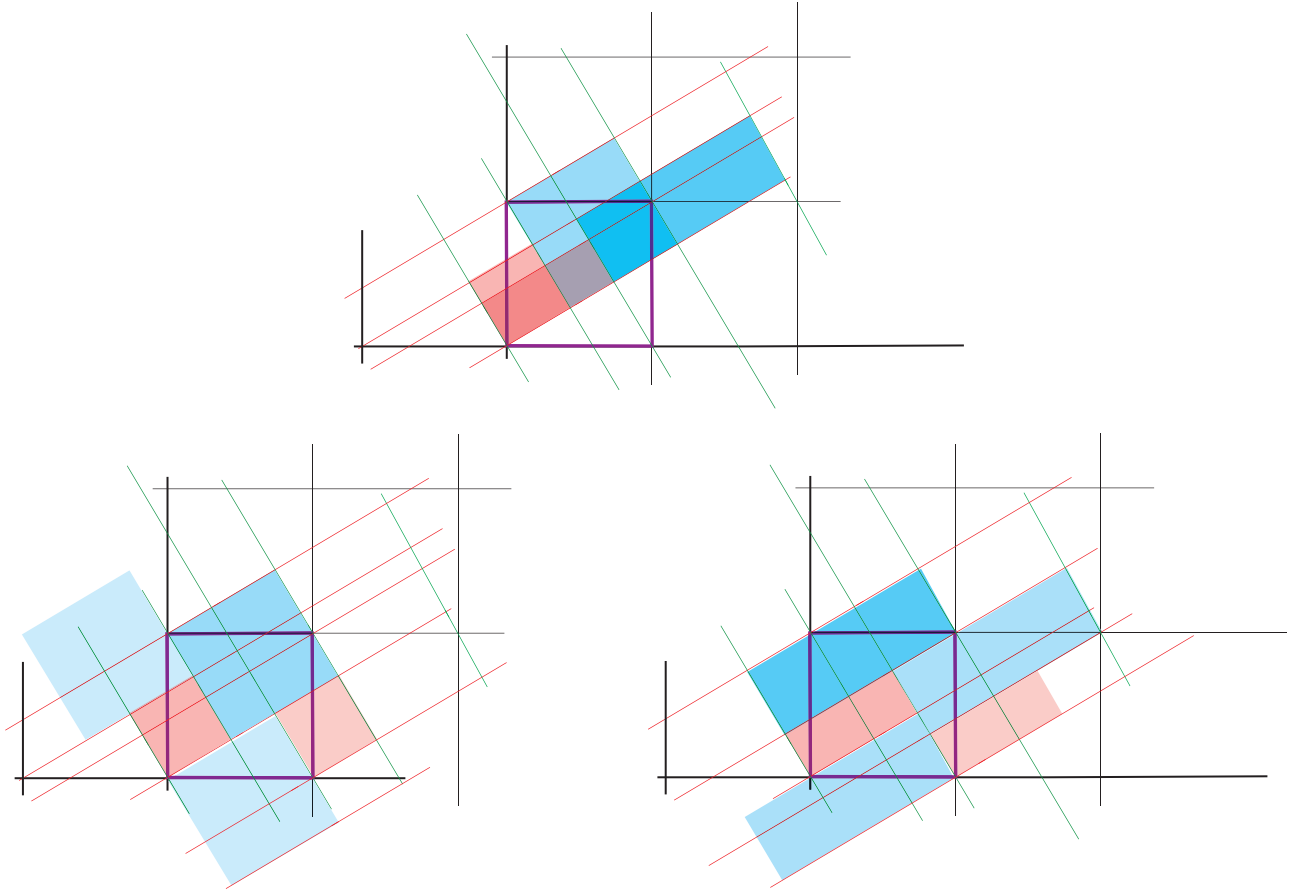


Figure 40.3: Markov partition; lower figures explain how to cover T^2 with the Markov partition above and its image. Redlines indicate W^u and the green W^s .

Needless to say, we can make many different Markov partitions, specifying the largest size of the piece.

Another example with nonnormal A is

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (40.6)$$

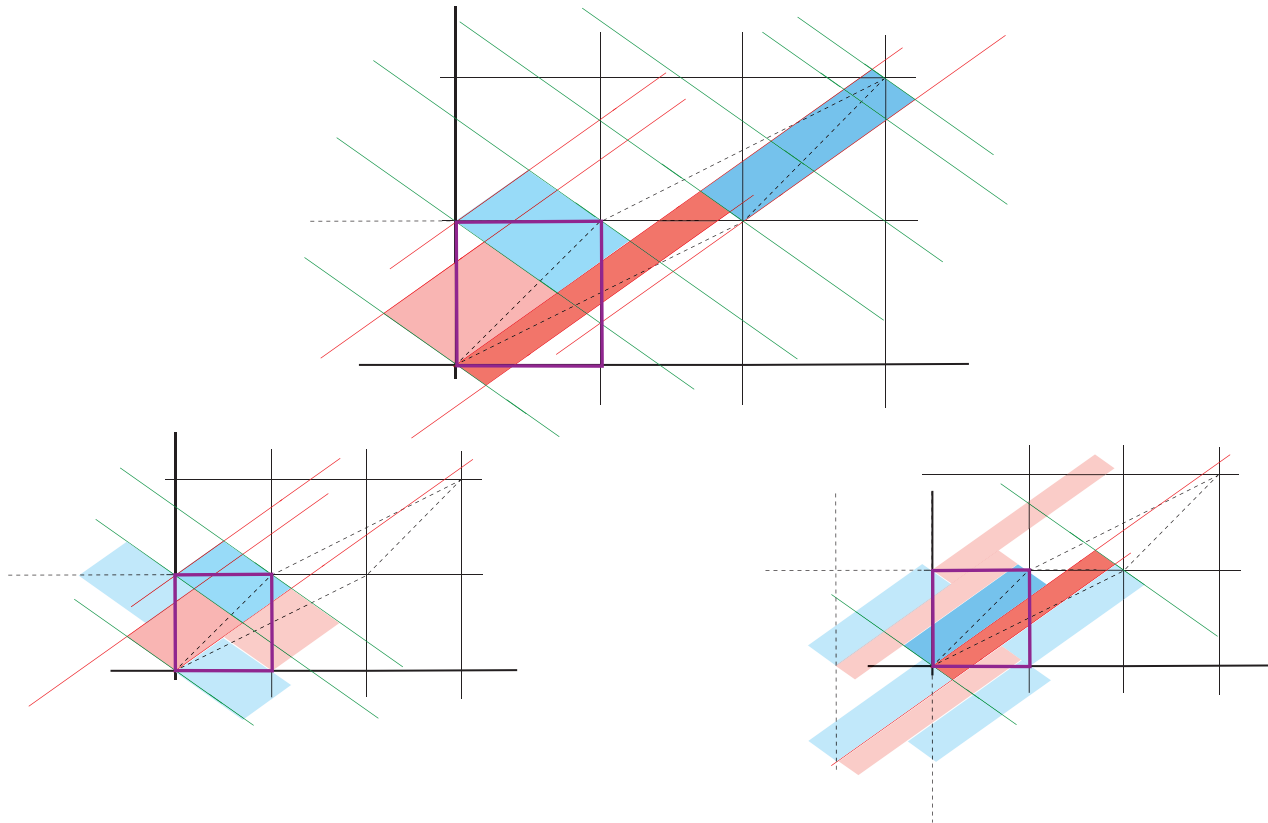


Figure 40.4: Markov partition; lower figures explain how to cover T^2 with the Markov partition above and its image. Redlines indicate W^u and the green W^s .

40.7 Pseudoorbit traceability

For a pseudoorbit $\{x_0, x_1, \dots\}$, we can construct a true trajectory $T^k x$ always running close to it. This is the traceability of pseudoorbits.

For a system to have a traceability, necessary and sufficient condition (for C^1 systems) is that the system has a Markov partition (we have already seen this in Section 39). If a system has a Markov partition, the system is isomorphic to a symbolic dynamics called a Markovian subshift. Thus, Ornstein's theorem tells us that

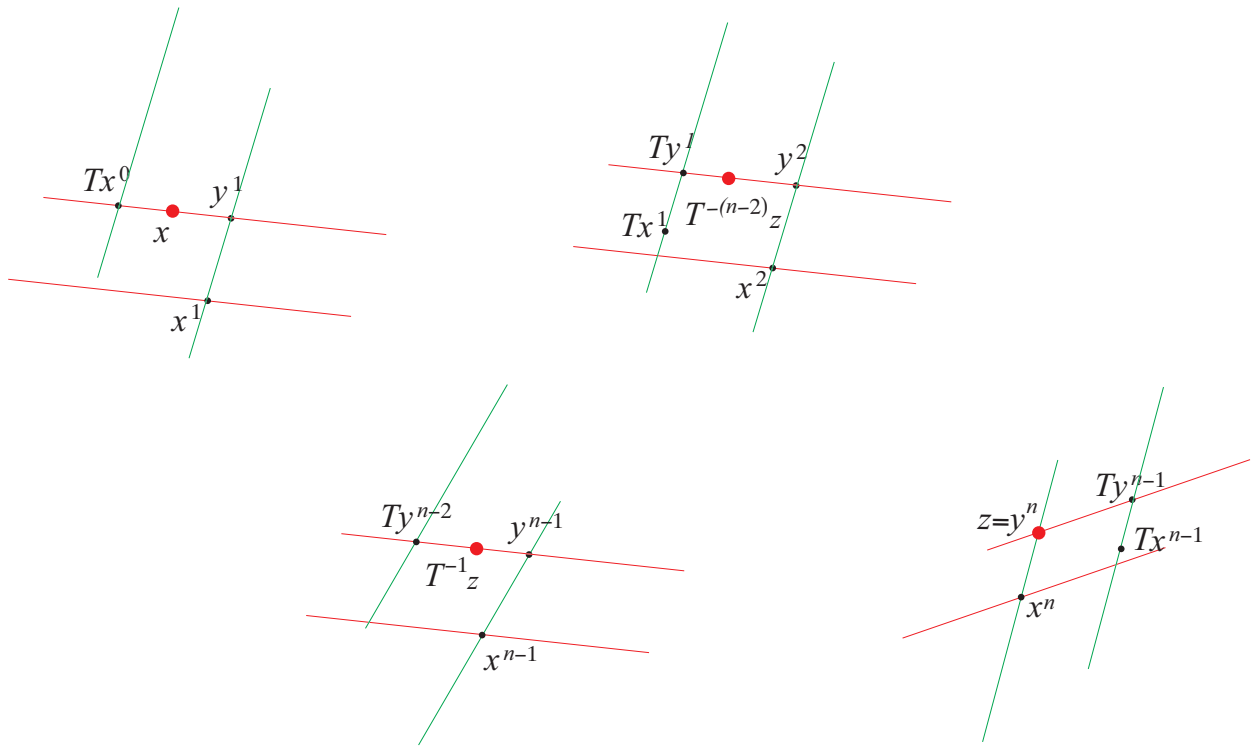


Figure 40.5: How to construct a shadowing orbit (red points)

the system is actually isomorphic to a Bernoulli system, a maximally chaotic system.

Thus ironically a numerically obtained trajectory can be a true trajectory only if the system is maximally chaotic.