

# RIGOROUS COMPUTATIONS OF HOMOCLINIC TANGENCIES \*

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we propose a rigorous computational method for detecting homoclinic tangencies and structurally unstable connecting orbits. It is a combination of several tools and algorithms, including the interval arithmetic, the subdivision algorithm, the Conley index theory, and the computational homology theory. As an example we prove the existence of generic homoclinic tangencies in the Hénon family.

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**1. Introduction.** In this paper, we develop a method for detecting homoclinic tangencies and structurally unstable connecting orbits.

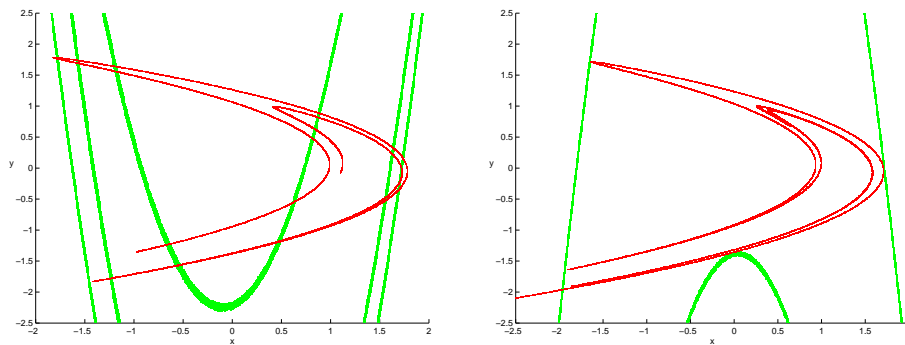


FIG. 1.1. *Left:*  $a = 1.4, b = 0.3$ ; *Right:*  $a = 1.3, b = -0.3$

To explain how the method works, we apply it to the Hénon family. As shown in Figure 1.1, existence of homoclinic tangencies in the Hénon family is strongly supported by numerical experiments. These figures suggest the existence of tangencies for parameter values close to  $a = 1.4, b = 0.3$  and  $a = 1.3, b = -0.3$ . Our motivation for this work was to develop a method that can give mathematical and rigorous proofs for such statements. With the method developed in this paper, we can justify these numerical observations as follows.

**THEOREM 1.1.** *Fix any  $b_0$  sufficiently close to 0.3. Then there exists*

$$a \in [1.392419807915, 1.392419807931]$$

*such that the one-parameter family  $H_{a,b_0}$  has a generic homoclinic tangency with respect to the saddle fixed point on the first quadrant.*

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THEOREM 1.2. *Fix any  $b_0$  sufficiently close to  $-0.3$ . Then there exists*

$$a \in [1.314527109319, 1.314527109334]$$

*such that the one-parameter family  $H_{a,b_0}$  has a generic homoclinic tangency with respect to the saddle fixed point on the third quadrant.*

Here we say a tangency in a one-parameter family is generic if the tangency is quadratic and unfolded generically in the family. The importance of the generic homoclinic tangency comes from the fact that it implies the occurrence of Newhouse phenomena [15] and strange attractors [10].

Similar results can also be attained by a complex analytic method of Fornæss and Gavosto [4, 5]. Compared to their method, which depends on the analyticity of maps, our method is rather geometric and topological, and is designed so that it can be applied to a wider class of maps. Essentially, our requirement on a family of maps is that it is a family of  $C^2$  diffeomorphism depending smoothly on the parameter, and that we can compute the image of the maps using interval arithmetic.

Throughout the paper we assume a basic familiarity with the Conley index theory and computational homology theory. Our main references are [6, 9] for the Conley index theory and [8] for the computational homology theory.

In §2, we see that a diffeomorphism on a manifold induces a dynamical system on the projective bundle associated to the tangent bundle of the manifold. The correspondence between tangencies in a dynamical system and connecting orbits in the induced dynamics on the projective bundle is then considered. Besides, genericity of a tangency is also expressed in terms of the dynamical system on the projective bundle. Next, to find the connecting orbits that corresponds to tangencies, we will develop an algebraic-topological tool based on the Conley index theory in §3. Since connecting orbits of our interest is structurally unstable, our tool is designed in such a way that can find structurally unstable ones. Finally, we will see in §4 how the computation is done with the Hénon family. All the source files used in the computation can be downloaded from <http://www.math.kyoto-u.ac.jp/~arai>. To run the computation, one needs software packages GAIO [2, 3] and Computational Homology Programs (CHomP, [12]).

**2. Tangencies and connecting orbits.** Let  $f$  be a diffeomorphism on a manifold  $M$ . We denote the tangent bundle of  $M$  by  $TM$  and the differential of  $f$  by  $df$ , as usual.

From the dynamical system  $f : M \rightarrow M$ , we derive a new dynamical system  $Pf : PM \rightarrow PM$  which is defined as follows. The space  $PM$  is the projective bundle associated to the tangent bundle of  $M$ , that is, the fiber bundle on  $M$  whose fiber on  $x \in M$  is the projective space of  $T_xM$ . That is,

$$PM = \coprod_{x \in M} P_xM := \coprod_{x \in M} \{\text{one-dimensional subspace of } T_xM\}.$$

Define  $Pf$  to be the map induced from  $df$  on  $PM$ , namely,  $Pf([v]) := [df(v)]$  where  $0 \neq v \in T_xM$  and  $[v]$  is the subspace spanned by  $v$ . Identifying  $M$  with the image of

the zero section of  $TM$ , we have the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
TM \setminus M & \xrightarrow{df} & TM \setminus M \\
\pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi \\
PM & \xrightarrow{Pf} & PM \\
\pi' \downarrow & & \downarrow \pi' \\
M & \xrightarrow{f} & M.
\end{array}$$

Let  $p \in M$  be a hyperbolic fixed point of  $f$  and  $T_p M = \tilde{E}_p^s \oplus \tilde{E}_p^u$  the corresponding splitting of the tangent space. We denote the stable and unstable manifolds of  $p$  by  $W^s(p)$  and  $W^u(p)$ , respectively.

Define  $E_p^s := \pi(\tilde{E}_p^s \setminus \{0\})$  and  $E_p^u := \pi(\tilde{E}_p^u \setminus \{0\})$ . The spaces  $E_p^s$  and  $E_p^u$  are isolated invariant sets with respect to  $Pf : PM \rightarrow PM$ .

**THEOREM 2.1** (Proposition 5.3 of [1]). *Let  $p, q$  be hyperbolic fixed points of  $f$ , and assume that  $\dim W^u(p) + \dim W^s(q) \leq n$ . If there exists a connecting orbit from  $E_p^u$  to  $E_q^s$  under  $Pf$ , then  $W^u(p)$  and  $W^s(q)$  have a non-transverse intersection.*

Note that if  $p = q$ , the case of homoclinic orbit,  $\dim W^u(p) + \dim W^s(p) = n$  always holds. Therefore, our problem of finding homoclinic tangencies is now translated to that of finding connecting orbits from  $E^u(p)$  to  $E^s(p)$  with respect to  $Pf : PM \rightarrow PM$ .

Next, we will discuss genericity of tangencies. Recall that we say a tangency in a one-parameter family is generic if the intersection of unstable and stable manifolds are quadratic, and the intersection is unfolded generically in the family.

Let  $f_\lambda$  be a one-parameter family of  $C^2$  diffeomorphism depending smoothly on the parameter  $\lambda \in \Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}$ . For simplicity, we consider the homoclinic tangency of a family of hyperbolic fixed points  $p(\lambda)$  of  $f_\lambda$ . The case for a hyperbolic periodic point is quite similar.

To see how tangencies are unfolded in the family, we define a map

$$PF : (x, \lambda) \mapsto (Pf_\lambda(x), \lambda) : PM \times \Lambda \rightarrow PM \times \Lambda.$$

Then it is easy to see the sets  $\mathcal{E}_p^u := \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_{p(\lambda)}^u$  and  $\mathcal{E}_p^s := \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_{p(\lambda)}^s$  are normally hyperbolic invariant manifolds with respect to  $PF$  and we have

$$W_{PF}^u(\mathcal{E}_p^u) = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} W_{Pf_\lambda}^u(E_{p(\lambda)}^u), \quad W_{PF}^s(\mathcal{E}_p^s) = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} W_{Pf_\lambda}^s(E_{p(\lambda)}^s).$$

By Theorem 2.1, if there is a homoclinic tangency with respect to  $p(\lambda_0)$ , then there exists a connecting orbit from  $E_{p(\lambda_0)}^u$  to  $E_{p(\lambda_0)}^s$  with respect to  $Pf_{\lambda_0}$  and therefore,  $W_{PF}^u(\mathcal{E}_p^u)$  and  $W_{PF}^s(\mathcal{E}_p^s)$  intersects at some points in  $PM \times \{\lambda_0\}$ .

In this setting, the genericity of a tangency is expressed as follows.

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Let  $f_\lambda$  be a one-parameter family of diffeomorphisms with hyperbolic fixed point  $p(\lambda)$  and assume  $f_{\lambda_0}$  has a homoclinic tangency with respect to  $p(\lambda_0)$ . Then, if the corresponding intersection of  $W_{PF}^u(\mathcal{E}_p^u)$  and  $W_{PF}^s(\mathcal{E}_p^s)$  is not tangent, then the tangency is generic.*

*Proof.* Let  $(x, \lambda) \in PM \times \Lambda$  be a intersection point. If the tangency is not quadratic, then  $W_{Pf_\lambda}^u(E_{p(\lambda)}^u)$  and  $W_{Pf_\lambda}^s(E_{p(\lambda)}^s)$  are tangent, so are  $W_{PF}^u(\mathcal{E}_p^u)$  and  $W_{PF}^s(\mathcal{E}_p^s)$ . If the unfolding of the tangency is not generic, then we can choose a vector  $(v, 1) \in T_x PM \times T_\lambda \Lambda$  which is tangent to both  $W_{PF}^u(\mathcal{E}_p^u)$  and  $W_{PF}^s(\mathcal{E}_p^s)$ .  $\square$

**3. Method for verifying structurally unstable connecting orbits.** In this section, we describe an algebraic-topological method for proving the existence of connecting orbits, especially structurally unstable ones.

Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous map on a locally compact metric space  $X$ . We use the homological Conley index with integer coefficients defined for an isolated invariant set  $S$  of  $f$ , and denote it by  $\text{Con}_*(S, f)$  or simply by  $\text{Con}_*(S)$ . Recall that  $\text{Con}_*(S)$  is the shift equivalence class of the pair of a graded module  $CH_*(S)$  and an endomorphism  $\chi_*(S)$  on  $CH_*(S)$ . (See [6] for the concept of shift equivalence and the definition of the Conley index for maps.) By an abuse of notation we write the shift equivalent class  $[(CH_*(S), \chi_*(S))]$  simply as  $(CH_*(S), \chi_*(S))$ .

We say an orbit  $\sigma : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow X$ ,  $f(\sigma(k)) = \sigma(k+1)$  for all  $k$ , is a connecting orbit from  $S_1$  to  $S_2$  if its  $\alpha$ -limit set is contained in  $S_1$  and its  $\omega$ -limit set is contained in  $S_2$ . The maximal invariant set of  $N \subset X$  will be denoted by  $\text{Inv}(N)$ .

The following theorem gives the simplest form of our algebraic machinery to find connecting orbits.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Let  $N_1, N_2$  and  $N$  be isolating neighborhoods and assume  $N$  is the disjoint union of  $N_1$  and  $N_2$ . If  $f(N_2) \cap N_1 = \emptyset$  and*

$$\text{Con}_*(\text{Inv}(N)) \not\cong \text{Con}_*(\text{Inv}(N_1)) \oplus \text{Con}_*(\text{Inv}(N_2))$$

*as shift equivalence classes, then there exists a connecting orbit from  $\text{Inv}(N_1)$  to  $\text{Inv}(N_2)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $S_1 := \text{Inv}(N_1)$ ,  $S_2 := \text{Inv}(N_2)$  and  $S := \text{Inv}(N)$ . Suppose there exists no connecting orbit from  $S_1$  to  $S_2$ .

Choose an arbitrary  $x \in S$ . Then there is a orbit  $\sigma : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow S$  such that  $\sigma(0) = x$ . Assume  $x \in N_2$ . Then its forward orbit is contained in  $N_2$  since  $f(N_2) \cap N_1 = \emptyset$ . If its backward orbit intersects  $N_1$ , then the  $\alpha$ -limit set of  $\sigma$  is contained in  $N_1$  because  $f(N_2) \cap N_1 = \emptyset$  and thus, it follows that  $\sigma$  must be a connecting orbit from  $S_1$  to  $S_2$ , contradicting our assumption. Hence  $\sigma(\mathbb{Z})$  is contained in  $N_2$  and therefore,  $x \in \text{Inv}(N_2)$ . Similarly, we have  $x \in \text{Inv}(N_1)$  if  $x \in N_1$ .

This means that  $S$  is the disjoint union of invariant subsets  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , and it follows from the additivity of the Conley index (see Theorem 3.22 of [9] or Theorem 1.11 of [11], for example) that  $\text{Con}_*(S)$  is the direct sum of  $\text{Con}_*(S_1)$  and  $\text{Con}_*(S_2)$ . This is a contradiction.  $\square$

A typical example, of which we can apply this theorem, is the transversal intersection of unstable and stable manifolds of fixed points with the same index. For example, assume  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are the hyperbolic fixed points with unstable dimension  $k$  and the map preserves the orientations of the unstable manifolds of  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ . Then we have  $\text{Con}_k(S_1) = \text{Con}_k(S_2) = (\mathbb{Z}, 1)$ . As shown in ‘‘Broken horseshoe’’ example by Richeson [14], we can expect to find an isolating neighborhoods  $N_1, N_2$  and  $N = N_1 \cup N_2$  satisfying

$$(*) \quad \text{Con}_k(S) = \left( \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \not\cong \left( \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) = \text{Con}_k(S_1) \oplus \text{Con}_k(S_2).$$

and the assumptions of the theorem, with  $S_1 = \text{Inv}(N_1)$ ,  $S_2 = \text{Inv}(N_2)$  and  $S = \text{Inv}(N)$ . Then it follows from the theorem that there exists a connecting orbit.

Remark that when  $X$  is a manifold, the discrete Conley index is stable under small perturbations (see Corollary 4.10 of [6]), and so are connecting orbits we can find by Theorem 3.1. Because, if we have  $\text{Con}_*(S) \not\cong \text{Con}_*(S_1) \oplus \text{Con}_*(S_2)$  with respect to a map  $f$ , this claim is also true for every  $g$  sufficiently close to  $f$  and the

continuations of  $S_1$ ,  $S_2$  and  $S$ . It follows that there also exists a connecting orbit between  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  with respect to  $g$ .

This means that we can not use Theorem 3.1 to find structurally unstable connecting orbits. Since we are interested in connecting orbits correspond to the occurrence of tangencies and it is clear that these are not structurally stable, Theorem 3.1 must be modified so that it will capture the structurally unstable connecting orbits.

For this purpose, we make the following simple observation: *Having an unstable connection of codimension one is a stable property under small perturbation of one-parameter families.* Following this idea, we will apply the theorem for a family of maps, instead of individual maps.

Consider a family of maps  $f_\lambda : X \rightarrow X$  where  $\lambda$  is a real parameter in a closed interval  $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Assume that there exist families of isolated invariant sets  $S_1(\lambda)$ ,  $S_2(\lambda)$  and  $S(\lambda)$  continuing over  $\Lambda$  such that  $S_1(\lambda)$  and  $S_1(\lambda)$  are invariant subsets of  $S(\lambda)$  for each  $\lambda$ .

On the product of the base space and the parameter space, we define a map

$$F : (x, \lambda) \mapsto (f_\lambda(x), \lambda) : X \times \Lambda \rightarrow X \times \Lambda.$$

Assume that we have isolating neighborhoods  $N_1$ ,  $N_2$  and  $N$  for  $S_1 := \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} S_1(\lambda)$ ,  $S_2 := \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} S_2(\lambda)$  and  $S := \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} S(\lambda)$ , respectively, such that  $N$  is the disjoint union of  $N_1$  and  $N_2$ .

Now we expect that the map  $F$  has a connecting orbit from  $S_1$  to  $S_2$  that is stable under small perturbation of the family  $F$ , and hence Theorem 3.1 can be applied. But as shown in the next example, it is often the case that connecting orbits from  $S_1$  to  $S_2$  is still beyond the scope of Theorem 3.1.

EXAMPLE 3.2. Consider a one-parameter family of diffeomorphisms on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  illustrated in Figure 3.1. We take  $S_1(\lambda) = p$ , the hyperbolic fixed point of unstable

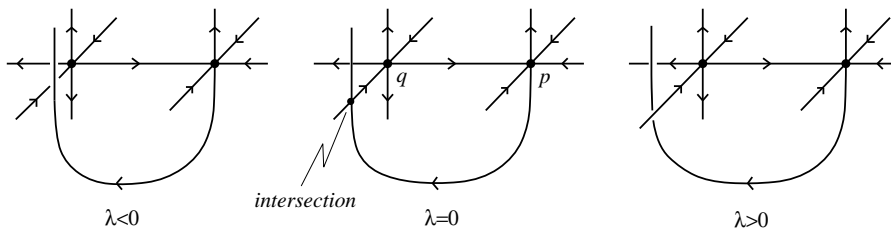


FIG. 3.1. A hetero-dimensional cycle

dimension 1, and  $S_2(\lambda) = q$ , that of unstable dimension 2. It is clear that

$$\text{Con}_*(S_i(\lambda)) \cong \text{Con}_*(S_i) \cong \begin{cases} (0, 0) & \text{if } * \neq i \\ (\mathbb{Z}, 1) & \text{if } * = i. \end{cases}$$

In this case, although the family has a connecting orbit from  $S_1$  to  $S_2$  and we can expect this property is stable under perturbation of the family, we can not use the argument (\*) to prove the existence of this connecting orbit. The problem is that the unstable dimensions of  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are different, and hence, they have non-trivial Conley index only at different degrees.

To overcome this difficulty, we put an artificial perturbation on  $F$  that makes  $\text{Con}_*(S_1)$  suspended. Let  $\Lambda'$  be a closed subinterval of  $\Lambda$  such that  $\Lambda \setminus \Lambda'$  has two

components and suppose  $F(N_1) \cap N_2$  is included in  $X \times \Lambda'$ . This implies that there is no connecting orbit for  $\lambda \in \Lambda \setminus \Lambda'$ .

We define

$$F'(x, \lambda) = \begin{cases} (f_\lambda(x), \lambda + g(\lambda)) & x \in N_1 \\ (f_\lambda(x), \lambda - g(\lambda)) & x \in N_2 \end{cases}$$

where  $g : \Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function that is negative on the left component of  $\Lambda \setminus \Lambda'$ , vanishing on  $\Lambda'$  and positive on the right component of  $\Lambda \setminus \Lambda'$ .

After this perturbation,  $N_1$ ,  $N_2$  and  $N$  remain to be isolating neighborhoods. We define  $S'_1$ ,  $S'_2$  and  $S'$  to be the maximal invariant sets of  $N_1$ ,  $N_2$  and  $N$  with respect to  $F'$ , respectively. Then by the suspension isomorphism theorem and the homotopy continuation property of the Conley index, we have

$$\text{Con}_*(S'_1, F') = \text{Con}_{*-1}(S_1, F), \quad \text{Con}_*(S'_2, F') = \text{Con}_*(S_2, F).$$

Note that if we apply this construction to Example 3.2,  $S'_1$  has the non-trivial Conley index at degree 2, the same degree at which  $S'_2$  has the non-trivial Conley index, and therefore, we can apply the argument (\*) and the following modified version of Theorem 3.1 to prove the existence of a connecting orbit.

**THEOREM 3.3.** *In the above setting, if*

$$\text{Con}_*(S', F') \not\cong \text{Con}_*(S'_1, F') \oplus \text{Con}_*(S'_2, F')$$

then there exists  $\lambda_0 \in \Lambda'$  such that there is a connecting orbit from  $S_1(\lambda_0)$  to  $S_2(\lambda_0)$  under  $f_{\lambda_0}$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.1, there exists a connection from  $S'_1$  to  $S'_2$  under  $F'$ . By our assumption, this connecting orbit must be in  $X \times \Lambda'$ . But  $F'$  and  $F$  are identical on  $\Lambda'$ , hence the theorem follows.  $\square$

**4. Tangencies in the Hénon family.** In this section, we will verify the existence of generic homoclinic tangencies in the Hénon family

$$H_{a,b} : (x, y) \mapsto (a - x^2 + by, x) : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

by applying the discussion of §2 and §3. We use the same notation as in §2 and §3. A cube always means the product of closed intervals.

We will explain the steps of the computation in the case of Theorem 1.1, a tangency close to the classical parameter values  $a = 1.4$  and  $b = 0.3$ . With  $b$  fixed to 0.3,  $H_{a,0.3}$  is now considered to be a one-parameter family with parameter  $a$ . For simplicity we write  $f_a := H_{a,0.3}$ .

We focus on the fixed point  $p(a)$  on the first quadrant. Precisely,

$$p(a) = \left( \frac{-0.7 + \sqrt{0.49 + 4a}}{2}, \frac{-0.7 + \sqrt{0.49 + 4a}}{2} \right).$$

By Theorem 2.1, it is suffice to show is the existence of a connecting orbit from  $E_{p(a)}^u$  to  $E_{p(a)}^s$  for some  $a$ . To say that the tangency is generic, we need to check the transversality of  $W_{PF}^u(\mathcal{E}_p^u)$  and  $W_{PF}^s(\mathcal{E}_p^s)$ , by Theorem 2.2.

First we construct isolating neighborhoods  $N_1$ ,  $N_2$  and  $N$  in  $PM \times \Lambda = \mathbb{R}^2 \times S^1 \times \mathbb{R}$ , with respect to the dynamical system  $PF : (x, a) \mapsto (Pf_a(x), a)$ . These sets are unions of cubes (in this case, 4-dimensional cubes) and designed so that  $S_1 = \text{Inv}(N_1)$

contains  $\mathcal{E}_p^u = \bigcup E_{p(a)}^u$  and  $S_2 := \text{Inv}(N_2)$  contains  $\mathcal{E}_p^s = \bigcup E_{p(a)}^s$  and  $N = N_1 \cup N_2$  contains  $S_1, S_2$  and the connecting orbit of our interest. For simplicity, we write a slice  $S \cap (PM \times \{a\})$  of  $S \subset PM \times \Lambda$  as  $S(a)$ , and so forth.

Next we apply the perturbation described in §2 to the map  $PF$  so that the Conley index of  $S_1$  will be suspended. After perturbation, we have three isolated invariant sets  $S'_1, S'_2$  and  $S'$  with respect to  $PF'$ .

Here we compute the Conley indexes of  $S'_1, S'_2$  and  $S'$  and apply Theorem 3.3. This proves the existence of a connecting orbit from  $S_1(a)$  to  $S_2(a)$  for some  $a \in \Lambda$ . Then we show that  $S_1(a) = E_{p(a)}^u$  and  $S_2(a) = E_{p(a)}^s$ . It follows that the connecting orbit we found is from  $E_{p(a)}^u$  to  $E_{p(a)}^s$ , which imply the existence of a tangency with respect to  $f_a$ .

Finally, we check that  $W_{PF}^u(\mathcal{E}_p^u)$  and  $W_{PF}^s(\mathcal{E}_p^s)$  are not tangent, and conclude the tangency we found is generic.

The argument above is arranged into the following steps:

**Step 1.** Construct an initial guess for the location of the connecting orbit.

**Step 2.** Refine the initial guess up to the desired precision.

**Step 3.** Modify the refined set to get isolating neighborhoods  $N_1, N_2$  and  $N$ .

**Step 4.** Compute the Conley index and apply Theorem 3.3.

**Step 5.** Check that  $S_1(a) = E_{p(a)}^u$  and  $S_2(a) = E_{p(a)}^s$ .

**Step 6.** Check that  $W_{PF}^u(\mathcal{E}_p^u)$  and  $W_{PF}^s(\mathcal{E}_p^s)$  are not tangent.

Before getting into the details of each step, we remark that it is numerically expensive to apply the interval arithmetic to trigonometric and inverse trigonometric functions. Therefore, in the following computations, we choose a piecewise linear coordinate for  $P_x M = \mathbb{R}P^1 \cong S^1$ . This coordinate is not differentiable, but note that the Conley index theory is still available. To deal with  $P(PM \times \Lambda)$ , we also take the similar piecewise linear coordinate for  $\mathbb{R}P^3$  in the last step.

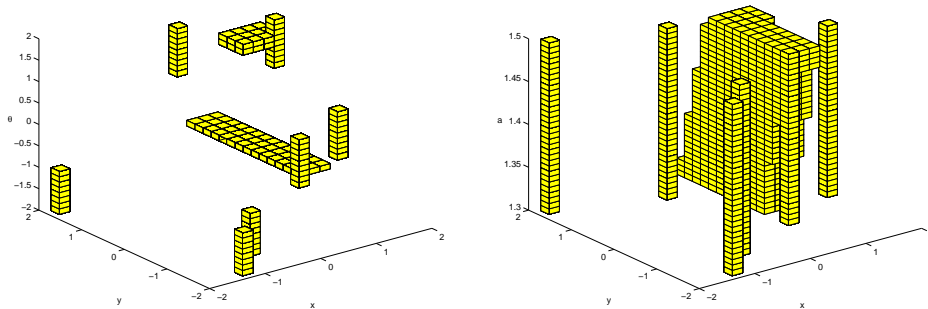


FIG. 4.1. Our initial guess for the connecting orbit.

**Step 1.** Basically, any method can be used for this step.

In our example, we make use of the software package **GAIO** in this and next steps. Programs in **GAIO** are developed for global analysis of invariant objects in dynamical systems by M. Dellnitz, O. Junge and their collaborators. See [2] and the project web page [3]. To construct an initial guess, we simply look at Figure 1.1 and choose cubes that seem to contain the connecting orbit from  $E_{p(a)}^u$  to  $E_{p(a)}^s$  (Figure 4.1).

**Step 2.** Next, we refine the initial guess by applying “the subdivision algorithm” [2] of **GAIO**. In an application of the subdivision algorithm, each cube is divided into

two cubes. And then we make a graph map from the multi-valued map induced from  $PF$  using the interval arithmetic and remove the cubes which does not contain a connecting orbit or a fixed point of the graph map. Since our computation is rigorous, cubes containing a fixed point or a connecting orbit of  $PF$  definitely survive this reduction.

After 8 applications of the subdivision and reduction procedure, we get the cubes illustrated in Figure 4.2.

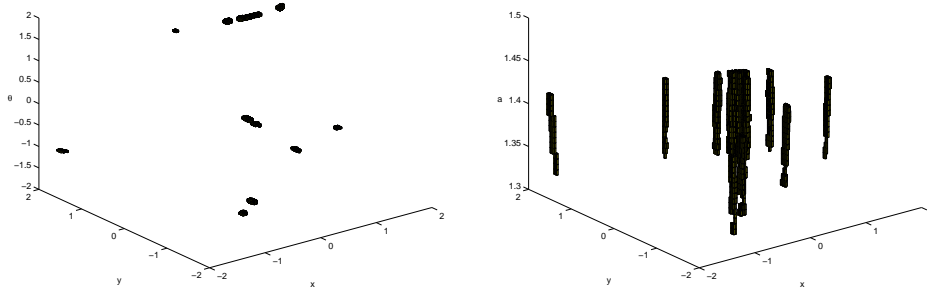


FIG. 4.2. After 8 steps of subdivision and reduction procedure.

Cubes after further 8 applications of the procedure are illustrated in Figure 4.3.

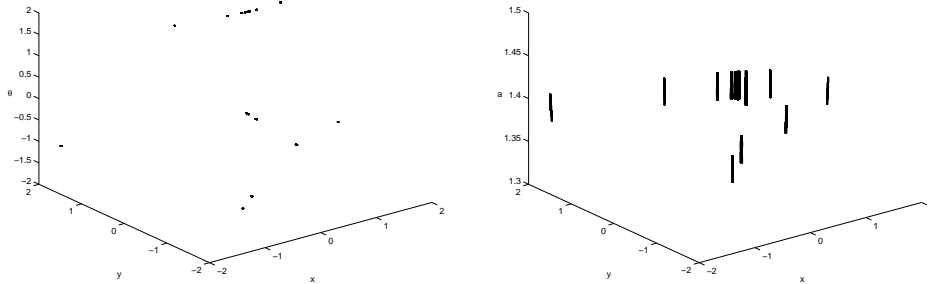


FIG. 4.3. After 16 steps of subdivision and reduction procedure.

Note that the range of the parameter value  $a$  is getting smaller and smaller during this computation. In our example, we apply this procedure 140 times. The resulting set consists of 9029 cubes and its range of  $a$  is smaller than  $10^{-10}$ .

**Step 3.** For this step, we use a modified version of the algorithm given by Junge [7]. Roughly speaking, this algorithm adds cubes to the given set of cubes until it becomes an isolating neighborhood.

**Step 4.** To construct an index pairs from the isolating neighborhoods found in **Step 3**, we use the combinatorial index pair algorithm (Algorithm 10.86 of [8]). This gives index pairs for  $S'_1$ ,  $S'_2$  and  $S'$ .

Then we apply the Computational Homology Program (CHoMP, [12]) to compute



the Conley index. Application of the program shows that

$$\text{Con}_*(S'_1) = \text{Con}_*(S'_2) = \begin{cases} (0, 0) & \text{if } * \neq 2 \\ (\mathbb{Z}, 1) & \text{if } * = 2 \end{cases}$$

and

$$\text{Con}_*(S') = \begin{cases} (0, 0) & \text{if } * \neq 2 \\ (\mathbb{Z}^{59}, P) & \text{if } * = 2 \end{cases}$$

where  $P$  is a 59 times 59 integer matrix. It can be shown that

$$\text{Con}_2(S') = (\mathbb{Z}^{59}, P) \underset{\text{shift eq.}}{\cong} \left( \mathbb{Z}^2, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

and therefore, by the same argument as (\*) in the section3, we conclude that there exists a connecting orbit from  $S_1(a)$  to  $S_2(a)$  for some  $a \in \Lambda'$ . In this case,  $\Lambda' = [1.392419807915, 1.392419807931]$ .

**Step 5.** We have shown that there exists a parameter value  $a$  such that there exists a connecting orbit from  $S_1(a)$  to  $S_2(a)$ . Although  $E_p^u(a) \subset S_1(a)$  and  $E_p^s(a) \subset S_2(a)$  follows from our construction, it is unknown that whether these set are equal or not.

To show these equality, we make use of the Hartman-Grobman linearization theorem.

**PROPOSITION 4.1.** *Let the origin  $0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a hyperbolic fixed point of a diffeomorphism  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $B$  a ball of radius  $r$  and centered at 0. Choose  $0 < \mu < 1$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  so that for each eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $df(0)$  we have  $|\lambda| < \mu$  or  $|\lambda^{-1}| < \mu$ , and  $\varepsilon + \mu < 1$  and  $\varepsilon < m(df(0))$  hold. Here  $m$  denotes the minimum norm. If the Lipschitz constant of  $f - df(0)$  restricted to  $B$  is less than  $\varepsilon/2$ , then  $\text{Inv}(B, f) = \{0\}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $g := f - df(0)$ . Define  $g'$  by

$$g'(x) = \begin{cases} g(x) & \text{if } x \in B \\ g(r \cdot x / \|x\|) & \text{if } x \notin B. \end{cases}$$

Then the Lipschitz constant of  $g' : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is less than  $\varepsilon$ . Apply the Hartman-Grobman theorem, Theorem 5.7.1 of [13]. (Note that Theorem 5.7.1 of [13] gives the estimate on the size of  $\varepsilon$ .)  $\square$

Since we do not know the exact value of  $a$  at which the tangency occurs, we need to examine  $S_1(a) = E_{p(a)}^u$  and  $S_2(a) = E_{p(a)}^s$  hold for all  $a \in \Lambda'$ . Note that since we are using the interval arithmetic, it suffice to check these equalities for finite intervals that cover  $\Lambda'$ .

We first compute  $\varepsilon$  using interval arithmetic. Then check if the condition of the proposition is satisfied with a ball  $B$  containing  $S_1(a)$  or  $S_2(a)$ . In our example of the Hénon map, we have  $(f_a - df_a(0))(u, v) = (-u^2, 0)$  after the coordinate change  $(x, y) = (u + p(a), v + p(a))$ , and we can easily check the condition of the proposition. In general, this check may fail. In that case we apply the subdivision algorithm to  $S_1(a)$  and  $S_2(a)$  to make these sets smaller, and again check if the condition of the proposition holds. It suffices to show that refined sets are equal to fixed points because if  $S_1(a)$  or  $S_2(a)$  contains a point other than the fixed point, it must be contained in the refined set since we are using rigorous interval arithmetic.

**Step 5.** Recall that  $W_{PF}^u(\mathcal{E}_p^u)$  and  $W_{PF}^s(\mathcal{E}_p^s)$  are 2-dimensional manifolds and we need to check that these manifolds are not tangent.

First, we approximate the tangent spaces of  $W_{PF}^u(\mathcal{E}_p^u)$  and  $W_{PF}^s(\mathcal{E}_p^s)$  in a neighborhood of  $\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_{p(\lambda)}^u$  and  $\bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} E_{p(\lambda)}^s$ , respectively. An approximation of the tangent space is given by two sets  $A, B \subset P(PM \times \Lambda)$ , consisting of cubes in  $P(PM \times \Lambda)$ , such that we can choose  $\alpha \in A$  and  $\beta \in B$  as a basis for the tangent space. We can apply the subdivision algorithm to find an approximation since these manifolds are normally hyperbolic (or, we can also explicitly write the basis).

Then we iterate these cubical approximation by the map  $P(PF)$  using interval arithmetic to obtain an approximation of the tangent spaces of  $W_{PF}^u(\mathcal{E}_p^u)$  and  $W_{PF}^s(\mathcal{E}_p^s)$  all over these manifolds. We restrict our computation to the fibers that are on the base space  $S \subset PM \times \Lambda$ , the set contains the connecting orbit. Otherwise, the computation would be rather expensive because of the dimension of  $P(PM \times \Lambda)$ . At last, we check the transversality of  $W_{PF}^u(\mathcal{E}_p^u)$  and  $W_{PF}^s(\mathcal{E}_p^s)$  using the interval arithmetic.

Remark that all the discussion in this section is valid for any  $b$  sufficiently close to 0.3. This complete the proof for the Theorem 1.1. The computation for the proof for the Theorem 1.2 is similar, but the computational cost is different as follows.

	$a = 1.4, b = 0.3$	$a = 1.3, b = -0.3$
<b>Step 2</b>	22.2 min	1.9 min
<b>Step 3</b>	153.9 min	22.5 min
<b>Step 4</b>	26.0 min	50.8 min
<b>Step 6</b>	60.8 min	24.1 min

All the computations are done on a PowerMac G5 (2GHz). Since the orbit of tangency is simpler and hence the number of cubes in the isolating neighborhoods is smaller, the computation for the case  $a = 1.3, b = -0.3$  is faster. The only exception is **Step 4**, the computation of homology. The reason for this is the strong expansion rate of the map, which makes the number of the cubes in the image of the isolating neighborhoods significantly large.

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