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Abstract

We consider a one-parameter family of maps F_λ on $\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$ with the singular map F_0 having one of the two forms (i) $F_0(x, y) = (f(x), g(x))$, where $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ and $g : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ are continuous, and (ii) $F_0(x, y) = (f(x), g(x, y))$, where $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ and $g : \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ are continuous and g is locally trapping along the second variable y . We show that if f is one-dimensional and has a positive topological entropy, or if f is high-dimensional and has a snap-back repeller, then F_λ has a positive topological entropy for all λ close enough to 0.

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1. Introduction

In this paper, we consider multidimensional perturbations from a continuous map f on a low-dimensional phase space, say \mathbb{R}^m , to a continuous family of maps F_λ on a high-dimensional space, say $\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$, where $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^\ell$ is a parameter, such that at $\lambda = 0$, the singular map F_0 is one of the following forms:

- (i) $F_0(x, y) = (f(x), g(x)) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$;
- (ii) $F_0(x, y) = (f(x), g(x, y)) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$ and $g(\mathbb{R}^m \times S) \subset \text{int}(S)$ for some compact set $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ homeomorphic to the closed unit ball in \mathbb{R}^n ; here $\text{int}(S)$ denotes the interior of S .

Let $h_{\text{top}}(\varphi)$ denote the supremum of topological entropies of a map φ restricted to compact invariant sets. The basic question we study here is the following:

- (#) If $h_{\text{top}}(f) > 0$, will $h_{\text{top}}(F_\lambda) > 0$ for λ near 0?

In this paper, we establish two kinds of results addressing question (#). First we show that if f is one-dimensional (without any additional assumption) then $\liminf_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} h_{\text{top}}(F_\lambda) \geq h_{\text{top}}(f)$ (see theorems 1 and 2). Second, we allow f to be possibly high-dimensional and show that if f has a snap-back repeller (for a discussion of its definition see definition 3 and remarks in the next section) then $h_{\text{top}}(F_\lambda) > 0$ for all λ near enough 0 (see theorems 4 and 5).

Our methodology is based on the concept of covering relations (see section 3 for the definition and basic properties), which was introduced by Zgliczyński in [11, 12]. It allows one to prove the existence of periodic points, the symbolic dynamics and the positive topological entropy without using hyperbolicity. As a by-product of using such a method, we give a new proof of Blanco Garcia's result in [1] that the existence of a snap-back repeller implies positive topological entropy (see proposition 15). It is also possible that the notion of a snap-back repeller can be changed by another structure, such as a hyperbolic horseshoe, in order to obtain similar results.

Let us compare our results with the existing literature. Assuming that f is one-dimensional (i.e. $m = 1$) and some additional conditions are satisfied, affirmative answers to question (#) have been given in the literature. For the case when f is an interval map and $g = 0$, Misiurewicz and Zgliczyński in [8] proved that $\liminf_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} h_{\text{top}}(F_\lambda) \geq h_{\text{top}}(f)$. They used the covering relation approach in the same way as we use it in this paper.

For the planar case (i.e. $m = n = 1$), Marotto in [6] restricted perturbations to two types: one is that $F_\lambda(x, y) = (\varphi(x, \lambda y), x)$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and the other one that is $F_\lambda(x, y) = (\varphi(x, \lambda_1 y), g(\lambda_2 x, y))$, $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, and the map $y \mapsto g(0, y)$ has a stable fixed point. Assuming the map $x \mapsto \varphi(x, 0)$ is C^1 and has a snap-back repeller (for a discussion of its definition see definition 3 and remarks in the next section), he showed that for all λ near 0, the map F_λ has a transverse homoclinic point. His method relies heavily on the planar structure of the map F_0 and the Birkhoff–Smale transverse homoclinic point theorem.

The results from [2, 4] about difference equations can be applied to question (#), but these are in fact perturbations of one-dimensional maps.

Our results are applicable to a high-dimensional version of the Hénon-like maps. Define a family of maps $H_b(x, y)$ on $\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$, with parameter $b \in \mathbb{R}^\ell$, by its components, for $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$ and $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$,

$$\begin{cases} \bar{x}_i = a_i - x_i^2 + o_i(b)\varphi_i(x, y), & 1 \leq i \leq m, \\ \bar{y}_j = g_j(x, y), & 1 \leq j \leq n, \end{cases}$$

where each a_i is a constant, o_i, φ_i, g_j are real-valued continuous functions and $\lim_{b \rightarrow 0} o_i(b)/|b| = 0$. If $m = n = 1$, one can reduce H_b to the original Hénon-map $(x, y) \mapsto (a - x^2 + by, x)$ and apply results from this paper as well as from [2, 4, 6]. For the general case when $m \geq 1$ and $n \geq 1$, we assume that each g_j is either dependent only on x or bounded (hence, the conditions in form (i) or (ii) are satisfied, respectively). At the singular value $b = 0$, the first m components of H_0 , i.e. $\bar{x}_i = a_i - x_i^2$ for $1 \leq i \leq m$, form a decoupled map from \mathbb{R}^m into itself, and such a map has a positive topological entropy or a snap-back repeller by choosing suitable a_i . By applying the results presented in this paper, we get that $h_{\text{top}}(H_b) > 0$ for all b sufficiently near 0. Nevertheless, if $m > 1$ (the high-dimensional case), we cannot apply the results in [2, 4, 6, 8] to H_b . Even when $m = 1$, we cannot apply those results either for many situations: more precisely, in [8] if one of the g_j is not the zero function, in [6] if one of the g_j depends on the variable y and in [2, 4] if each coordinate of the full orbits of H_b is not reduced to solutions of a difference equation.

This paper is organized as follows. In the next section, we give a precise statement of our main results along with a definition of snap-back repellers. In section 3, we present background information about covering relations, mainly from the work of Zgliczyński and Gidea in [13].

In section 4, we prove our results concerning a one-dimensional map with a positive topological entropy (theorems 1 and 2). Then, in section 5, we show that the existence of a snap-back repeller implies the existence of two closed loops of covering relations, as well as a positive topological entropy (proposition 15). Finally, in section 6, we prove our results concerning a high-dimensional map with a snap-back repeller (theorems 4 and 5).

2. Definitions and statement of main results

In this section, we state our main results and define snap-back repellers. First, we consider multidimensional perturbations of a one-dimensional map f . If the singular map F_0 depends only on the phase variable of f (refer to form (i) in section 1), we have the following result.

Theorem 1. *Let F_λ be a one-parameter family of continuous maps on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $F_\lambda(x, y)$ is continuous as a function jointly of $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^\ell$ and $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n$. Assume that $F_0(x, y) = (f(x), g(x))$ for all $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n$, where $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$. Then $\liminf_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} h_{\text{top}}(F_\lambda) \geq h_{\text{top}}(f)$.*

For the case when the singular map is locally trapping along the normal direction (refer to form (ii) in section 1), we have the following.

Theorem 2. *Let F_λ be a one-parameter family of continuous maps on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $F_\lambda(x, y)$ is continuous as a function jointly of $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^\ell$ and $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n$. Assume that $F_0(x, y) = (f(x), g(x, y))$ for all $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n$, where $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, and $g(\mathbb{R} \times S) \subset \text{int}(S)$ for some compact set $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ homeomorphic to the closed unit ball in \mathbb{R}^n . Then $\liminf_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} h_{\text{top}}(F_\lambda) \geq h_{\text{top}}(f)$.*

Next, we consider multidimensional perturbations of a map on a space of dimension possibly bigger than one. Recently, Marotto [7] redefined snap-back repellers and stated that his earlier result in [5] that the existence of a snap-back repeller implies Li–Yorke chaos is still correct. Both definitions of snap-back repellers in [5, 7] depend on the norms of the phase space. In the following, we give a slightly different definition so that it is independent of norms defined on the phase space.

Definition 3. *Let $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ be a C^1 function. A fixed point x_0 for f is called a snap-back repeller if (i) all eigenvalues of the derivative $df(x_0)$ are greater than one in absolute value and (ii) there exists a sequence $\{x_{-i}\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that $x_{-1} \neq x_0$, $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_{-i} = x_0$, and for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$, $f(x_{-i}) = x_{-i+1}$ and $\det(df(x_{-i})) \neq 0$.*

Roughly speaking, a snap-back repeller of a map is a repelling fixed point associated with a transverse homoclinic orbit. Notice that if there exists a norm $\|\cdot\|_*$ on \mathbb{R}^m such that for some constants $r > 0$ and $\rho > 1$, one has that $\|f(x) - f(y)\|_* > \rho\|x - y\|_*$ for all $x, y \in B(x_0, r)$, where $B(x_0, r) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^m : \|x - x_0\|_* < r\}$, then f is one-to-one on $B(x_0, r)$ and $f(B(x_0, r)) \supset B(x_0, r)$; hence item (ii) of the above definition is satisfied provided that there is a point $q \in B(x_0, r)$ such that $f^k(q) = x_0$ and $\det(df^k(q)) \neq 0$ for some positive integer k . In fact, item (i) implies that such a norm must exist (refer to theorem V.6.1 of Robinson [10]). Furthermore, if all eigenvalues of $(df(x_0))^T df(x_0)$ are greater than 1, then such a norm can be chosen to be the Euclidean norm on \mathbb{R}^m (see lemma 5 of Li and Chen [3]).

If the singular map depends only on the phase variable of a snap-back repeller, we have the following result.

Theorem 4. *Let F_λ be a one-parameter family of continuous maps on $\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $F_\lambda(x, y)$ is continuous as a function jointly of $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^\ell$ and $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$. Assume that $F_0(x, y) = (f(x), g(x))$ for all $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$, where $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is C^1 and has a snap-back repeller and $g : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$. Then F_λ has a positive topological entropy for all λ sufficiently close to 0.*

When the singular map is locally trapping along the normal direction, we have the following.

Theorem 5. *Let F_λ be a one-parameter family of continuous maps on $\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $F_\lambda(z)$ is continuous as a function jointly of $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}^\ell$ and $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$. Assume that $F_0(x, y) = (f(x), g(x, y))$ for all $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$, where $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is C^1 and has a snap-back repeller, $g : \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, and $g(\mathbb{R}^m \times S) \subset \text{int}(S)$ for some compact set $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ homeomorphic to the closed unit ball in \mathbb{R}^n . Then F_λ has a positive topological entropy for all λ sufficiently close to 0.*

3. Covering relations

In this section, we give the background information about covering relations. First of all, we introduce some notations. Suppose that \mathbb{R}^k has a norm $\|\cdot\|$. For $x \in \mathbb{R}^k$ and $r > 0$, we denote $B_k(x, r) = \{z \in \mathbb{R}^k : \|z - x\| < r\}$, that is, the open ball of radius r centred at the origin 0 in \mathbb{R}^k ; in short, we write $B_k = B_k(0, 1)$, the open unit ball in \mathbb{R}^k . Moreover, for a subset S of \mathbb{R}^k , let \bar{S} , $\text{int}(S)$ and ∂S denote the closure, the interior and the boundary of S , respectively. It will be always clear from the context which norm is used.

We briefly recall some definitions and results in [13].

Definition 6 ([13], definition 1). *An h-set in \mathbb{R}^k is a quadruple consisting of the following data:*

- a compact subset N of \mathbb{R}^k ;
- a pair of numbers $u(N), s(N) \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ with $u(N) + s(N) = k$;
- a homeomorphism $c_N : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k = \mathbb{R}^{u(N)} \times \mathbb{R}^{s(N)}$ such that

$$c_N(N) = \overline{B_{u(N)}} \times \overline{B_{s(N)}}.$$

For simplicity, we will denote such a quadruple by N . Furthermore, we set

$$N_c = \overline{B_{u(N)}} \times \overline{B_{s(N)}}, \quad N_c^- = \partial B_{u(N)} \times \overline{B_{s(N)}}, \quad N_c^+ = \overline{B_{u(N)}} \times \partial B_{s(N)},$$

and

$$N^- = c_N^{-1}(N_c^-), \quad N^+ = c_N^{-1}(N_c^+).$$

A covering relation between two h-sets is defined as follows.

Definition 7 ([13], definition 6). *Let N, M be h-sets in \mathbb{R}^k with $u(N) = u(M) = u$ and $s(N) = s(M) = s$, $f : N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^u \times \mathbb{R}^s$ be a continuous function, $f_c = c_M \circ f \circ c_N^{-1} : N_c \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^u \times \mathbb{R}^s$ and w be a nonzero integer. We say N f -cover M with degree w , denoted by*

$$N \xrightarrow{f, w} M,$$

if the following conditions are satisfied.

1. There exists a homotopy $h : [0, 1] \times N_c \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^u \times \mathbb{R}^s$ such that

$$h(0, x) = f_c(x) \quad \text{for } x \in N_c, \tag{1}$$

$$h([0, 1], N_c^-) \cap M_c = \emptyset, \tag{2}$$

$$h([0, 1], N_c) \cap M_c^+ = \emptyset. \tag{3}$$

2. There exists a map $A : \mathbb{R}^u \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^u$ such that

$$h(1, p, q) = (A(p), 0) \quad \text{for } p \in \overline{B_u} \quad \text{and} \quad q \in \overline{B_s},$$

$$A(\partial B_u) \subset \mathbb{R}^u \setminus \overline{B_u}.$$

3. The local Brouwer degree of A at 0 in B_u is w ; refer to [13, appendix] for its properties.

Usually, we will be not interested in the values of w among covering relations and we just write $N \xrightarrow{f} M$ if there exists $w \neq 0$ such that $N \xrightarrow{f, w} M$.

We will need the following two theorems proved by Zgliczyński and Gidea in [13]. The first one says that a closed loop of covering relations implies the existence of a periodic point.

Theorem 8 ([13], theorem 9). Let N_i for $0 \leq i \leq m$ be h -sets in \mathbb{R}^k such that $N_m = N_0$ and let f_i for $1 \leq i \leq m$ be continuous maps on \mathbb{R}^k such that the covering relations $N_{i-1} \xrightarrow{f_i, w_i} N_i$ with $w_i \neq 0$ for all $1 \leq i \leq m$. Then there exists a point $x \in \text{int}(N_0)$ such that

$$f_i \circ f_{i-1} \circ \dots \circ f_1(x) \in \text{int}(N_i) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq m,$$

$$f_m \circ f_{m-1} \circ \dots \circ f_1(x) = x.$$

The following one shows that a covering relation is persistent under C^0 small perturbations.

Theorem 9 ([13], theorem 14). Let N, M be h -sets in \mathbb{R}^k such that $u(N) = u(M)$ and $s(N) = s(M)$. Let $f, g : N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ be continuous maps. Assume that $N \xrightarrow{f, w} M$ and that the map c_M satisfies a Lipschitz condition. Then there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that if $\|f(x) - g(x)\| < \varepsilon$ for all $x \in N$, then $N \xrightarrow{g, w} M$.

4. Proofs of theorems 1 and 2

In this section, we will prove the first two of our main results. To this end, we need the following lemma, which can be easily derived from [9]; see also theorem 3.1 of Misiurewicz and Zgliczyński in [8]. It says that for continuous interval maps, the positive topological entropy is realized by horseshoes.

Lemma 10. Let I be a closed interval in \mathbb{R} and $f : I \rightarrow I$ be a continuous map with a positive topological entropy, i.e. $h_{\text{top}}(f) > 0$. Then there exist sequences $\{s_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ and $\{t_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$ of positive integers such that for each $k \in \mathbb{N}$ there exist s_k disjoint closed intervals, N_1, \dots, N_{s_k} , which are h -sets in \mathbb{R} and satisfy the covering relations $N_i \xrightarrow{f^k, w_{i,j}} N_j$ with $w_{i,j} \in \{-1, 1\}$ for all $1 \leq i, j \leq s_k$; moreover, one has $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\log(s_k)/t_k) = h_{\text{top}}(f)$.

Now we are ready to prove the first main result.

Proof of theorem 1. We only need to consider the case when f has a positive topological entropy. Let δ be an arbitrary number such that $0 < \delta < h_{\text{top}}(f)$. From lemma 10, there

exist $k, p \in \mathbb{N}$ such that f^k has p disjoint closed intervals, denoted by $N'_i = [a_{2i}, a_{2i+1}]$ for $0 \leq i \leq p - 1$ with $a_0 < \dots < a_{2p-1}$, which are h-sets satisfying

$$N'_i \xrightarrow{f^k, w_{i,j}} N'_j \quad \text{for } 0 \leq i \leq p - 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq j \leq p - 1,$$

where $w_{i,j} = 1$ or -1 , and $\log(p)/k > \delta$.

Set $N' = \cup_{i=0}^{p-1} N'_i$. Since $g \circ f^{k-1}$ is continuous and N' is compact, there exists $r > 0$ such that $g \circ f^{k-1}(N') \subset B_n(0, r)$. Set $N_i = N'_i \times \overline{B_n}(0, r)$ for $0 \leq i \leq p - 1$ and $N = \cup_{i=0}^{p-1} N_i$. Then every N_i is an h-set for $0 \leq i \leq p - 1$ and N is compact in $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n$. For $\lambda = 0$, we have $F_0^k(x, y) = (f^k(x), g \circ f^{k-1}(x))$. Hence there are covering relations:

$$N_i \xrightarrow{F_0^k, w_{i,j}} N_j \quad \text{for } 0 \leq i \leq p - 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq j \leq p - 1.$$

Since $F_\lambda^k(z)$ is uniformly continuous on a compact set, say $[-1, 1] \times N$, as a function jointly of λ and z , by using theorem 9 for p^2 times while each c_{N_j} is linear and satisfies the Lipschitz condition, there exists $\lambda_0 > 0$ such that if $|\lambda| < \lambda_0$ then we have

$$N_i \xrightarrow{F_\lambda^k, w_{i,j}} N_j \quad \text{for } 0 \leq i \leq p - 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq j \leq p - 1.$$

Let m be a positive integer and $|\lambda| < \lambda_0$. Consider any closed loop

$$N_{\alpha_0} \xrightarrow{F_\lambda^k} N_{\alpha_1} \xrightarrow{F_\lambda^k} \dots \xrightarrow{F_\lambda^k} N_{\alpha_m},$$

where every $\alpha_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, p - 1\}$ and $\alpha_m = \alpha_0$. By using theorem 8, F_λ^k has a periodic point $x = x(\lambda) \in \text{int}(N_{\alpha_0})$ such that $F_\lambda^{km}(x) = x$. Since there are p^m choices of such closed loops, F_λ^k has at least p^m periodic points in N . These periodic points provide a (m, ε) -separated set for F_λ^k as long as ε is a positive number less than gaps of N'_i 's, i.e. $0 < \varepsilon < \min\{a_{2i} - a_{2(i-1)+1} : 1 \leq i \leq p - 1\}$. Since m is arbitrarily chosen, we have $h_{\text{top}}(F_\lambda^k) \geq \log(p)$ and so $h_{\text{top}}(F_\lambda) \geq \log(p)/k > \delta$. Therefore, $\liminf_{\lambda \rightarrow 0} h_{\text{top}}(F_\lambda) \geq h_{\text{top}}(f)$. \square

The proof of the second main result is the following.

Proof of theorem 2. Define $G_\lambda = (\text{id}, c) \circ F_\lambda \circ (\text{id}, c)^{-1}$, where id denotes the identity map on \mathbb{R} and c is a homeomorphism from S to $\overline{B_n}$. Then the topological entropies of G_λ and F_λ are equal. By applying the above argument to the family G_λ while the corresponding c_M of a covering relation $N \xrightarrow{G_\lambda, w} M$ is the identity now, we have the desired result. \square

5. Snap-back repeller and closed loops of covering relations

Throughout this section, we assume that $f : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is a C^1 map having a snap-back repeller x_0 associated with a transverse homoclinic orbit. We shall construct two closed loops of covering relations for f : the first one is from the snap-back repeller to a homoclinic point then back to the repeller, and the second one consists of just one relation $N_r \xrightarrow{f} N_r$, where N_r is one of the h-sets in the first closed loop. Then we use the covering relations approach to prove that f has a positive topological entropy.

Let L be a linearization of f at x_0 , that is, $L(z) = x_0 + \text{d}f(x_0)(z - x_0)$ for $z \in \mathbb{R}^m$. Since all eigenvalues of $\text{d}f(x_0)$ are greater than one in absolute value, there exist a norm $\|\cdot\|$ on \mathbb{R}^m and a constant $\rho > 1$ such that

$$\|\text{d}f(x_0)z\| \geq \rho\|z\| \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{R}^m. \tag{4}$$

From now on, we keep this norm fixed.

For any $r > 0$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$, we denote the closed ball with the centre x and radius r by

$$N(x, r) = \{x\} + \overline{B_m(0, r)}.$$

For any $r > 0$ we define an h-set $N_{x,r}$ in \mathbb{R}^m as follows: we set $N_{x,r} = N(x, r)$, $c_{N_{x,r}}(z) = (z - x)/r$, $u(N_{x,r}) = m$ and $s(N_{x,r}) = 0$. Since the point x_0 is a fixed point for f and will play a distinguished role in the following, we will write N_r instead of $N_{x_0,r}$. Next, we define a homotopy from the map f to L , its linearization at x_0 , as follows:

$$f_\mu(z) = (1 - \mu)f(z) + \mu L(z) \quad \text{for } \mu \in [0, 1] \quad \text{and } z \in \mathbb{R}^m. \tag{5}$$

It is easy to see that $f_0(z) = f(z)$, $f_1(z) = L(z)$ and $df_\mu(z) = (1 - \mu)df(z) + \mu df(x_0)$ for all μ and z . This homotopy will be later used in covering relations in the vicinity of the snap-back repeller.

First, we show that the size of the repulsion set for snap-back repeller x_0 can be chosen uniformly for all f_μ for $\mu \in [0, 1]$.

Lemma 11. *Let $\beta = (\rho + 1)/2$. Then there exists $r_0 > 0$ such that for any $\mu \in [0, 1]$, $0 < r \leq r_0$, $z \in N_r$ with $\|z - x_0\| = r$, the following holds:*

$$\|f_\mu(z) - x_0\| > \beta r.$$

Proof. By using Taylor’s theorem with an integral remainder, we have

$$f_\mu(z) - x_0 = f_\mu(z) - f_\mu(x_0) = C(z - x_0),$$

where

$$C = C(\mu, z, x_0) = \int_0^1 df_\mu(x_0 + t(z - x_0)) dt.$$

By (5), we get that

$$\begin{aligned} C - df_\mu(x_0) &= \int_0^1 (1 - \mu) df(x_0 + t(z - x_0)) + \mu df(x_0) dt - df_\mu(x_0) \\ &= \int_0^1 (1 - \mu)[df(x_0 + t(z - x_0)) - df(x_0)] dt. \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Since df is continuous at x_0 and $\rho > 1$, there exists $r_0 > 0$ such that if $\|y - x_0\| \leq r_0$ then $\|df(y) - df(x_0)\| < (\rho - 1)/2$. Hence, from (6), we have that for any $\mu \in [0, 1]$ and $z \in \overline{B_m(x_0, r_0)}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|C - df_\mu(x_0)\| &\leq \int_0^1 (1 - \mu) \|df(x_0 + t(z - x_0)) - df(x_0)\| dt \\ &< \int_0^1 (1 - \mu) \frac{\rho - 1}{2} dt \leq \frac{\rho - 1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by using (4), we have that for any $\mu \in [0, 1]$, $0 < r \leq r_0$, $z \in N_r$ with $\|z - x_0\| = r$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_\mu(z) - x_0\| &= \|C(z - x_0)\| = \|(C - df_\mu(x_0) + df_\mu(x_0))(z - x_0)\| \\ &\geq \|df(x_0)(z - x_0)\| - \|(C - df_\mu(x_0))(z - x_0)\| \\ &> \rho r - \frac{\rho - 1}{2} r = \beta r. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Throughout the rest of this section, we fix the two constants β and r_0 as given in lemma 11. In the following, we establish a covering relation between two h-sets around the snap-back repeller.

Proposition 12. Let r and r_1 be two numbers satisfying $0 < r \leq r_0$ and $0 < r_1 \leq \beta r$. Then the following covering relation holds:

$$N_r \xrightarrow{f} N_{r_1}.$$

Proof. Define $h(\mu, z) = c_{N_{r_1}}(f_\mu(c_{N_r}^{-1}(z)))$. We need to check whether all conditions for the covering relation $N_r \xrightarrow{f} N_{r_1}$ are satisfied.

First we deal with the conditions in the first item of definition 7. Condition (1) is implied by $f_0 = f$, (2) follows from lemma 11, and since $N_{r_1}^+ = \emptyset$, (3) is also satisfied.

Next, we define a map A on \mathbb{R}^m by $A(z) = (r/r_1) df(x_0)z$. Then for $z \in \overline{B_m}$, we have

$$h(1, z) = \frac{L(rz + x_0) - x_0}{r_1} = \frac{df(x_0)(rz)}{r_1} = A(z).$$

Moreover, from (4) it follows that for $z \in \overline{B_m}$ with $\|z\| = 1$,

$$\|A(z)\| \geq \frac{\rho r}{r_1} \geq \frac{\rho r}{\beta r} > 1.$$

Since A is linear, from the above equation we have that $\deg(A, B_m, 0) = \pm \det(A) \neq 0$. \square

Next, we give a covering relation from the snap-back repeller x_0 to points near x_0 , which will be homoclinic points near x_0 as the result is used later.

Lemma 13. Let $r > 0$, $r_1 > 0$ and $z_1 \in \mathbb{R}^m$ near x_0 satisfy that $(\|z_1 - x_0\| + r_1)/\beta < r < r_0$. Then

$$N_r \xrightarrow{f} N_{z_1, r_1}.$$

Proof. As in the proof of proposition 12, we set $h(\mu, z) = c_{N_{z_1, r_1}}(f_\mu(c_{N_r}^{-1}(z)))$. Again, we need to check all conditions for the covering relation $N_r \xrightarrow{f} N_{z_1, r_1}$.

Condition (1) is implied by $f_0 = f$, and since $N_{z_1, r_1}^+ = \emptyset$, (3) is also satisfied.

To verify condition (2), observe that it is equivalent to the following one:

$$f_\mu(N_r^-) \cap N_{z_1, r_1} = \emptyset \quad \text{for } \mu \in [0, 1]. \tag{7}$$

From lemma 11, it follows that for any $z \in N_r^-$ (hence $\|z - x_0\| = r$),

$$\begin{aligned} \|f_\mu(z) - z_1\| &= \|f_\mu(z) - x_0 + x_0 - z_1\| \geq \|f_\mu(z) - x_0\| - \|x_0 - z_1\| \\ &\geq \beta r - \|x_0 - z_1\| > \|x_0 - z_1\| + r_1 - \|x_0 - z_1\| = r_1. \end{aligned}$$

This proves (7).

It remains to investigate $h(1, z)$. Define a map A on \mathbb{R}^m by $A(z) = (r df(x_0)z + x_0 - z_1)/r_1$. Then A is affine and for $z \in \overline{B_m}$,

$$h(1, z) = \frac{L(rz + x_0) - z_1}{r_1} = \frac{x_0 + df(x_0)(rz) - z_1}{r_1} = A(z).$$

To prove that $\deg(A, B_m, 0) = \det(df(x_0)) = \pm 1$, it is sufficient to show that the unique solution $\hat{z} = (1/r) df(x_0)^{-1}(z_1 - x_0)$ of the equation $A(z) = 0$ is in B_m . To this end, observe that from (4), we have $\|df(x_0)^{-1}\| \leq \rho^{-1}$ and hence

$$\|\hat{z}\| \leq \frac{1}{r} \|df(x_0)^{-1}\| \cdot \|z_1 - x_0\| \leq \frac{\|z_1 - x_0\|}{\rho r} < \frac{\|z_1 - x_0\| + r_1}{\beta r} < 1. \quad \square$$

The following lemma gives a covering relation from a homoclinic point to the snap-back repeller.

Lemma 14. *Assume that $z_0 \in \mathbb{R}^m$ such that $f^k(z_0) = x_0$ for some integer $k > 0$ and $\det(df^k(z_0)) \neq 0$. Then there exists $R > 0$ such that if $0 < r < R$ then there is $v \equiv v(r)$ with $0 < v < r_0$ such that for any $0 < r_2 \leq v$, we have*

$$N_{z_0,r} \xrightarrow{f^k} N_{r_2}. \tag{8}$$

Proof. By continuity of f , there is $R_1 > 0$ such that

$$f^k(\overline{B_m(z_0, R_1)}) \subset B_m(x_0, r_0).$$

Define a homotopy as follows: for $\mu \in [0, 1]$ and $z \in \overline{B_m(z_0, R_1)}$,

$$g_\mu(z) = (1 - \mu)f^k(z) + \mu(df^k(z_0)(z - z_0) + x_0). \tag{9}$$

Then $g_\mu(z_0) = x_0$ and $dg_\mu(z) = (1 - \mu)df^k(z) + \mu df^k(z_0)$ for all μ and z . Since $df^k(z_0)$ is nonsingular, there is a constant $\alpha > 0$ such that for any $z \in \mathbb{R}^m$,

$$\|df^k(z_0)z\| \geq \alpha \|z\|. \tag{10}$$

Next, we show that there exists a positive number $R < \min\{R_1, 2r_0/\alpha\}$ such that for all $\|z - z_0\| < R$ and $\mu \in [0, 1]$, one has

$$\|g_\mu(z) - x_0\| > \frac{\alpha}{2} \|z - z_0\|. \tag{11}$$

To this end, we have to modify the proof of lemma 11 a bit. By using Taylor's theorem with integral remainder, we have

$$g_\mu(z) - x_0 = g_\mu(z) - g_\mu(z_0) = C(z - z_0),$$

where

$$C = C(\mu, z, z_0) = \int_0^1 dg_\mu(z_0 + t(z - z_0)) dt.$$

By (9), we get that

$$\begin{aligned} C - dg_\mu(z_0) &= \int_0^1 (1 - \mu) df^k(z_0 + t(z - z_0)) + \mu df^k(z_0) dt - dg_\mu(z_0) \\ &= \int_0^1 (1 - \mu)[df^k(z_0 + t(z - z_0)) - df^k(z_0)] dt. \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Since df^k is continuous at z_0 , there exists $R > 0$ such that if $\|y - z_0\| < R$ then

$$\|df^k(y) - df^k(z_0)\| < \alpha/2.$$

Hence, from (12), we have that for any $\mu \in [0, 1]$ and $z \in B_m(z_0, R)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|C - dg_\mu(z_0)\| &\leq \int_0^1 (1 - \mu) \|df^k(z_0 + t(z - z_0)) - df^k(z_0)\| dt \\ &< \int_0^1 (1 - \mu) \frac{\alpha}{2} dt \leq \frac{\alpha}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by using (10), we obtain that for any $\mu \in [0, 1]$ and $z \in B_m(z_0, R)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|g_\mu(z) - x_0\| &= \|C(z - z_0)\| = \|(C - dg_\mu(z_0) + dg_\mu(z_0))(z - z_0)\| \\ &\geq \|df^k(z_0)(z - z_0)\| - \|(C - dg_\mu(z_0))(z - z_0)\| \\ &> \left(\alpha - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \|z - z_0\| = \frac{\alpha}{2} \|z - z_0\|. \end{aligned}$$

Now we are ready to prove the desired covering relation (8). Let r be a number with $0 < r < R$ and let $v = \alpha r/2$. Let r_2 be a number with $0 < r_2 \leq v$. Since $\alpha > 0$ and $R < 2r_0/\alpha$, we have $0 < v < r_0$. We define a homotopy h_μ by

$$h_\mu(z) = c_{N_{r_2}}(g_\mu(c_{N_{z_0,r}}^{-1}(z))) \quad \text{for } \mu \in [0, 1] \quad \text{and } z \in \overline{B_m}.$$

The conditions from definition 7 requiring the proof are only (2) and $\deg(h_1, B_m, 0) \neq 0$ while the others are clear. To verify condition (2), note that it is equivalent to the following one:

$$g_\mu(N_{z_0,r}^-) \cap N_{r_2} = \emptyset \quad \text{for } \mu \in [0, 1]. \tag{13}$$

From (11), it follows that for any $z \in N_{z_0,r}^-$ (hence $\|z - z_0\| = r$), one has

$$\|g_\mu(z) - x_0\| > \frac{\alpha}{2} \|z - z_0\| > r_2.$$

This proves (13). Finally, since

$$h_1(z) = \frac{r}{r_2} df^k(z_0)z,$$

we obtain that h_1 is a linear isomorphism; therefore $\deg(h_1, B_m, 0) = \det(df^k(z_0)) \neq 0$. \square

The next proposition shows that the existence of a snap-back repeller as defined in definition 3 implies a positive topological entropy. In [1], Blanco Garcia gave the same result based on Marotto’s definition of a snap-back repeller and results in [5]. Here, we give a new proof by using covering relations.

Proposition 15. *The topological entropy of f is positive.*

Proof. Let β and r_0 be as given in lemma 11. Since x_0 is a snap-back repeller for f , there exists a sequence $\{x_{-i}\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that $x_{-1} \neq x_0$, $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} x_{-i} = x_0$ and for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$, $f(x_{-i}) = x_{-i+1}$ and $\det(df(x_{-i})) \neq 0$. Thus, there is an integer $k > 0$ such that $x_{-k} \in B(x_0, r_0)$. By the chain rule, we have $\det(df^k(x_{-k})) \neq 0$. Furthermore, from lemma 14, there exist positive constants r_k and r_b such that $r_b < r_0$ and

$$\overline{B(x_{-k}, r_k)} \subset B(x_0, r_0), \tag{14}$$

$$N_{x_{-k}, r_k} \cap N_{r_b} = \emptyset, \tag{15}$$

$$N_{x_{-k}, r_k} \xrightarrow{f^k} N_{r_b}. \tag{16}$$

Since $\beta > 1$, there exists the minimal positive integer a such that $\beta^a r_b > \|x_{-k} - x_0\| + r_k$. By the minimum of a and equation (14), we have $\beta^{a-1} r_b \leq \|x_{-k} - x_0\| + r_k < r_0$. From proposition 12 and lemma 13, it follows that we have the following chain of covering relations:

$$N_{r_b} \xrightarrow{f} N_{\beta r_b} \xrightarrow{f} \dots \xrightarrow{f} N_{\beta^{a-1} r_b} \xrightarrow{f} N_{x_{-k}, r_k}. \tag{17}$$

Moreover, from proposition 12, it also follows that

$$N_{r_b} \xrightarrow{f} N_{r_b}. \tag{18}$$

These covering relations are enough to produce symbolic dynamics and a positive topological entropy as follows. Let $w = \max(a, k)$. It is sufficient to construct an f^{2w} -invariant set on which f^{2w} can be semi-conjugated onto the shift map $\sigma : \Sigma_2^+ \rightarrow \Sigma_2^+$, where $\Sigma_2^+ = \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$, the one-sided shift space on two symbols with the standard Tikhonov (product)

topology. By using equations (16)–(18), one can consider the following chains of covering relations, each one of length $2w$ (which is counted by the number of iterates of f):

$$\begin{aligned} N_{r_b} &\xrightarrow{f} N_{r_b} \xrightarrow{f} N_{r_b} \xrightarrow{f} \cdots \xrightarrow{f} N_{r_b}, \\ N_{r_b} &\xrightarrow{f} N_{r_b} \xrightarrow{f} \cdots \xrightarrow{f} N_{r_b} \xrightarrow{f} N_{\beta r_b} \xrightarrow{f} \cdots \xrightarrow{f} N_{\beta^{a-1}r_b} \xrightarrow{f} N_{x_{-k},r_k}, \\ N_{x_{-k},r_k} &\xrightarrow{f^k} N_{r_b} \xrightarrow{f} N_{r_b} \xrightarrow{f} \cdots \xrightarrow{f} N_{r_b}, \\ N_{x_{-k},r_k} &\xrightarrow{f^k} N_{r_b} \xrightarrow{f} \cdots \xrightarrow{f} N_{r_b} \xrightarrow{f} N_{\beta r_b} \xrightarrow{f} \cdots \xrightarrow{f} N_{\beta^{a-1}r_b} \xrightarrow{f} N_{x_{-k},r_k}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us denote $N_0 = N_{r_b}$ and $N_1 = N_{x_{-k},r_k}$. Then N_0 and N_1 are disjoint due to (15). Define Z to be the set of points whose forward orbits under f^{2w} stay in $N_0 \cup N_1$, that is,

$$Z = \{z \in N_0 \cup N_1 : f^{2iw}(z) \in N_0 \cup N_1 \text{ for all } i \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Then Z is compact. On Z we define a projection $\pi : Z \rightarrow \Sigma_2^+$ by

$$\pi(z)_i = j \quad \text{if and only if } f^{2iw}(z) \in N_j.$$

It is obvious that the map π is continuous and we have a semiconjugacy: $\pi \circ f^{2w} = \sigma \circ \pi$.

Finally, we shall show that π is onto. This gives us that the topological entropy of f^{2w} on Z is greater than or equal to $\log 2$. Let $\alpha = (\alpha_0, \dots, \alpha_{l-1}) \in \{0, 1\}^l$ for some positive integer l . By a suitable concatenation of the above listed chains of covering relations and from theorem 8, it follows that there exists a point $x_\alpha \in N_{\alpha_0}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} f^{2iw}(x_\alpha) &\in N_{\alpha_i} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq i \leq l-1, \\ f^{2lw}(x_\alpha) &= x_\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that $x_\alpha \in Z$ and $\pi(x_\alpha) = (\alpha, \alpha, \dots) \in \Sigma_2^+$. Since α is arbitrarily chosen, the set $\pi(Z)$ contains all repeating sequences. From the density of repeating sequences in Σ_2^+ , it follows that $\pi(Z) = \Sigma_2^+$. □

6. Proofs of theorems 4 and 5

In this section, we combine all the material in the previous section to prove the last two of our main results. First, we assume that all the hypotheses of theorem 4 are satisfied. We continue using the notations of the previous section. From the proof of proposition 15, we have a positive integer a such that the following closed loop of covering relations holds:

$$N_{r_b} \xrightarrow{f} N_{r_b} \xrightarrow{f} N_{\beta r_b} \xrightarrow{f} \cdots \xrightarrow{f} N_{\beta^{a-1}r_b} \xrightarrow{f} N_{x_{-k},r_k} \xrightarrow{f^k} N_{r_b}.$$

By adding the normal direction to the above h-sets and using the persistence of covering relation, we shall construct a closed loop of covering relations for F_λ , similar to the above loop for f . Recall that the singular map F_0 is of the form $F_0(x, y) = (f(x), g(x)) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$. Set $N = (\cup_{i=0}^{a-1} N_{\beta^i r_b}) \cup (\cup_{i=0}^k f^i(N_{x_{-k},r_k}))$. Since g is continuous and N is compact, there exists $r > 0$ such that $g(N) \subset B_n(0, r)$. Let us define the corresponding h-sets in $\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$ as follows. For $i = 0, 1, \dots, a-1$, we define h-sets $N'_{\beta^i r_b}$ in $\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$ by $N'_{\beta^i r_b} = N_{\beta^i r_b} \times \overline{B_n(0, r)}$, $u(N'_{\beta^i r_b}) = m$, $s(N'_{\beta^i r_b}) = n$ and $c_{N'_{\beta^i r_b}}(x, y) = (c_{N_{\beta^i r_b}}(x), \frac{1}{r}y)$. Moreover, we define an h-set N'_{x_{-k},r_k} in $\mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^n$ by $N'_{x_{-k},r_k} = N_{x_{-k},r_k} \times \overline{B_n(0, r)}$, $u(N'_{x_{-k},r_k}) = m$, $s(N'_{x_{-k},r_k}) = n$ and $c_{N'_{x_{-k},r_k}}(x, y) = (c_{N_{x_{-k},r_k}}(x), \frac{1}{r}y)$.

Observe that we have the following closed loop of covering relations for F_0 .

Lemma 16. *The following covering relations hold:*

$$N'_{r_b} \xrightarrow{F_0} N'_{r_b} \xrightarrow{F_0} N'_{\beta r_b} \xrightarrow{F_0} \dots \xrightarrow{F_0} N'_{\beta^{\alpha-1} r_b} \xrightarrow{F_0} N'_{x-k, r_k} \xrightarrow{F_0^k} N'_{r_b}.$$

Proof. For each covering relation under consideration $N' \xrightarrow{F_0^j} M'$ with $j = 1$ or k , we define a homotopy $\hat{h} : [0, 1] \times \overline{B_m} \times \overline{B_n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m+n}$ by

$$\hat{h}(\mu, x, y) = \left(h(\mu, x), \frac{1-\mu}{r} g \circ f^{j-1}(c_N^{-1}(x)) \right),$$

where h is the homotopy from the corresponding covering relation $N \xrightarrow{f^j} M$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{h}(0, x, y) &= \left(h(0, x), \frac{1}{r} g \circ f^{j-1}(c_N^{-1}(x)) \right) \\ &= \left(c_M \circ f^j \circ c_N^{-1}(x), \frac{1}{r} g \circ f^{j-1}(c_N^{-1}(x)) \right) = (F_0^j)_c(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\hat{h}([0, 1], N'^{-}) \subset h([0, 1], N^{-}) \times \mathbb{R}^n$, we get that condition (2) in definition 7 follows from the analogous condition for h . Condition (3) is satisfied due to

$$\hat{h}([0, 1] \times \overline{B_m} \times \overline{B_n}) \subset \mathbb{R}^m \times B_n.$$

Finally, note that

$$\hat{h}(1, x, y) = (h(1, x), 0).$$

Therefore, the other conditions in definition 7 are also satisfied. □

From theorem 9, there exists $\lambda_0 > 0$ such that if $|\lambda| < \lambda_0$ then the following chain of covering relations holds for F_λ :

$$N'_{r_b} \xrightarrow{F_\lambda} N'_{r_b} \xrightarrow{F_\lambda} N'_{\beta r_b} \xrightarrow{F_\lambda} \dots \xrightarrow{F_\lambda} N'_{\beta^{\alpha-1} r_b} \xrightarrow{F_\lambda} N'_{x-k, r_k} \xrightarrow{F_\lambda^k} N'_{r_b}. \tag{19}$$

Similar to the proof of proposition 15, covering relations listed in (19) are sufficient to produce the symbolic dynamics and a positive topological entropy for F_λ with $|\lambda| < \lambda_0$.

This completes the proof of theorem 4.

For the proof of theorem 5, define $G_\lambda = (\text{id}, c) \circ F_\lambda \circ (\text{id}, c)^{-1}$, where id denotes the identity map on \mathbb{R}^k and c is a homeomorphism from S to $\overline{B_n}$. Then the conclusion follows from the above argument applied to G_λ .

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