

## EMBEDDING ASYMPTOTICALLY STABLE DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS INTO RADIAL FLOWS IN $l_2$

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**A dynamical system  $\Pi$  on a separable metric space, which has a globally asymptotically stable critical point  $p$ , can be embedded into a radial flow  $\rho$  on  $l_2$  if and only if  $p$  is uniformly asymptotically stable. Moreover, if  $\Pi$  can be embedded into  $\rho$ , then there is a locally compact subset  $Y$  of  $l_2$  such that  $\Pi$  can be embedded into  $\rho$  restricted to  $Y$ .**

In [1] the author showed that a dynamical system on a locally compact phase space, which has a globally asymptotically stable critical point, can be embedded into the radial flow on  $l_2$  defined by  $z\rho t = c^t z$ . Here we generalize this result and show that a dynamical system  $\Pi$  on a separable metric space which has a globally asymptotically stable critical point  $p$ , can be embedded into the radial flow  $\rho$  on  $l_2$  if and only if  $p$  is uniformly asymptotically stable. Moreover, if  $\Pi$  can be embedded into  $\rho$ , then there is a locally compact subset  $Y$  of  $l_2$  such that  $\Pi$  can be embedded into  $\rho$  restricted to  $Y$ .

A dynamical system on a topological space  $X$  is a continuous mapping  $\Pi: X \times R \rightarrow X$  such that (where  $x\Pi t = \Pi(x, t)$ )

- (1)  $x\Pi 0 = x$  for every  $x \in X$ ,
- (2)  $(x\Pi t)\Pi s = x\Pi(t + s)$  for every  $x \in X$  and  $s, t \in R$ .

For  $A \subset X$  and  $B \subset R$ ,  $A\Pi B$  will denote the set  $\{x\Pi t: x \in A, t \in B\}$ . In the special case  $B = R$  we will write  $C(A)$  instead of  $A\Pi R$ . An element  $x \in X$  is called a *critical point* of  $\Pi$  if  $C(x) = \{x\}$ . A subset  $A$  of  $X$  is *invariant* if  $C(A) = A$ . We will let  $R^+$  denote the non-negative reals.

A compact subset  $M$  of  $X$  is called *stable* if for any neighborhood  $U$  of  $M$  there is a neighborhood  $V$  of  $M$  such that  $V\Pi R^+ \subset U$ . A stable subset  $M$  of  $X$  is called

- (i) *asymptotically stable* if for any neighborhood  $U$  of  $M$  and any  $x \in X$ , there is a  $T \in R$  such that  $x\Pi[T, \infty) \subset U$ ,
- (ii) *locally uniformly asymptotically stable* if for any  $x \in X - M$ , there is a neighborhood  $V$  of  $x$  such that for any neighborhood  $U$  of  $M$  there exists  $T \in R$  such that  $V\Pi[T, \infty) \subset U$ .
- (iii) *uniformly asymptotically stable* if there is a neighborhood  $U$  of  $M$  such that for any neighborhood  $V \subset U$  of  $M$  there exists  $T \in R$  such that  $U\Pi[T, \infty) \subset V$ .

A continuous function  $L: R \rightarrow R^+$  is called a *Liapunov function* for a subset  $M$  of  $X$  if

- (i)  $L(x) = 0$  if and only if  $x \in M$ ,

- (ii)  $L(x\Pi t) < L(x)$  for every  $x \in X - M$  and  $0 < t$ ,
- (iii) for any neighborhood  $U$  of  $M$  there is an  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that  $\varepsilon < L(x)$  whenever  $x \notin U$ ,
- (iv) for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a neighborhood  $V$  of  $M$  such that  $L(x) < \varepsilon$  whenever  $x \in V$ .

In [2] it is shown that a compact subset  $M$  of a metric space is asymptotically stable if and only if there is a Liapunov function for  $M$ .

Throughout this paper  $X$  will denote a separable metric space with metric  $d$  and we will assume that  $d(x, y) \leq 1$  for every  $x, y \in X$ . For  $x \in X$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  the set  $\{y \in X: d(x, y) \leq \varepsilon\}$  will be denoted by  $B(x, \varepsilon)$ .

The set of all sequences  $z = \{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n, \dots\}$  of real numbers such that  $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} z_m^2$  converges is denoted by  $l_2$ . A norm can be defined on  $l_2$  by  $\|z\| = (\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} z_m^2)^{1/2}$ . The origin in  $l_2$  will be denoted by  $\bar{0}$ . Let  $\rho$  denote the dynamical system on  $l_2$  defined by  $z\rho t = c^t z$ , where  $c \in (0, 1)$ .

Let  $p$  be a uniformly asymptotically stable critical point of a dynamical system  $\Pi$  on a separable metric space  $X$ . Let  $U$  be a neighborhood of  $p$  such that for any neighborhood  $V \subset U$  of  $p$  there is a  $T > 0$  so that  $U\Pi[T, \infty) \subset V$ .

LEMMA 1.  $C(x) \cap (X - U) \neq \emptyset$  for every  $x \in X - \{p\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in X - \{p\}$ . Since  $C(x) \cap U = \emptyset$ , we may assume that  $x \in U$ . Let  $V$  be a positively invariant neighborhood of  $p$  such that  $x \notin V$  and  $V \subset U$ . Then  $(x\Pi(-\infty, 0]) \cap V = \emptyset$ . Let  $T > 0$  be such that  $U\Pi[T, \infty) \subset V$ . If  $C(x) \cap (X - U) = \emptyset$ , then  $x\Pi(-\infty, T) = (x\Pi(-\infty, 0])\Pi T \subset V$  which is impossible since  $(x\Pi(-\infty, 0]) \cap V = \emptyset$ . It follows that  $C(x) \cap (X - U) \neq \emptyset$  for every  $x \in X - \{p\}$ .

It is known that there is a Liapunov function  $L$  for the uniformly asymptotically stable critical point  $p$ , [2]. Let  $\lambda$  be a number in the range of  $L$  such that  $L^{-1}(\lambda) \subset U$  and set  $S = L^{-1}(\lambda)$ . It is easy to verify that  $S$  is a section for  $\Pi$  restricted to  $X - \{p\}$ . Since  $X$  is separable there is a countable dense subset  $\{x_n\}$  of  $S$ . Define a countable number of continuous functions  $f_n: S \rightarrow R^n$  by

$$f_n(x) = d(x, x_n)$$

where  $d$  is a metric on  $X$  such that  $d(x, y) \leq 1$  for all  $x, y \in X$ .

LEMMA 2. If  $f_n(x) \leq f_n(y)$  for every  $n$ , then  $x = y$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $x \neq y$ . Set  $r = d(x, y)$  and  $B = \{z: d(z, y) \leq r/4\}$ . Since  $\{x_n\}$  is dense in  $S$  there is a  $k$  such that  $x_k \in B$ . Then  $f_k(y) = d(y, x_k) \leq r/4 \leq 3d(x, x_k)/4 < f_k(x)$ . A similar argument shows that there is a  $j$  such that  $f_j(x) < f_j(y)$ . The desired result follows directly.

LEMMA 3. The mapping  $h: S \rightarrow l_2$  defined by

$$h(x) = \left( f_1(x), \frac{1}{2} f_2(x), \dots, \frac{1}{n} f_n(x), \dots \right)$$

is a homeomorphism of  $S$  onto  $h(S)$ . Moreover,  $\|h(x)\|^2 \leq \Pi^2/6$  for every  $x \in S$ .

*Proof.* Let  $x \in S$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . For any  $y \in B(x, \varepsilon)$ , we have  $d(x, x_n) - \varepsilon \leq d(y, x_n) \leq d(x, x_n) + \varepsilon$ . Hence, for every  $n$  we have  $|f_n(x) - f_n(y)| \leq \varepsilon$  whenever  $y \in B(x, \varepsilon)$ . This shows that  $\{f_n\}$  is uniformly equicontinuous. It is now easy to show that  $h$  is continuous. By Lemma 2 the mapping  $h$  is one-to-one. Suppose there is a sequence  $\{z_i\}$  in  $S$  such that  $h(z_i) \rightarrow h(z)$  for some  $z \in S$ . Then  $f_n(z_i) \rightarrow f_n(z)$  for every  $n$ , i.e.,  $d(z_i, x_n) \rightarrow d(z, x_n)$  for every  $n$ . Let  $\delta > 0$  and choose  $j$  so that  $d(z, x_j) < \delta/4$ . Since  $d(z_i, x_j) \rightarrow d(z, x_j)$  we have  $d(z_i, z) \leq d(z_i, x_j) + d(z, x_j) < \delta$  for all  $i$  sufficiently large. It follows that  $z_i \rightarrow z$  so that  $h^{-1}$  is continuous. Thus,  $h$  is a homeomorphism of  $S$  onto  $h(S)$ . Since  $d(u, v) \leq 1$  for every  $u, v \in X$ , we have  $\|h(x)\|_2^2 \leq \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^{-2} = \Pi^2/6$  for every  $x \in S$ .

LEMMA 4. If  $x, y \in S$  are such that  $h(x) = h(y)\rho t$  for some  $t \in R$ , then  $x = y$  and  $t = 0$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $h(x) = h(y)\rho t = c^t h(y)$  for some  $t \in R$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $t \geq 0$ . Then  $f_n(x) = c^t f_n(y) \leq f_n(y)$  for every  $n$ . By Lemma 2,  $x = y$ . If  $x = y$ , clearly  $t = 0$ .

LEMMA 5. The mapping  $H: X \rightarrow l_2$  defined by

$$H(x) = \begin{cases} \bar{0} & \text{if } x = p, \\ h(x\Pi Y(x))\rho(-Y(x)) & \text{if } x \in X - \{p\}, \end{cases}$$

where  $Y: X - \{p\} \rightarrow R$  is a continuous mapping defined by  $x\Pi Y(x) \in S$ , is a homeomorphism.

*Proof.* If  $x \neq p$ , then clearly  $H(x) \neq \bar{0} = H(p)$ . If  $H(x) = H(y)$  with  $x \neq p \neq y$ , then  $h(x\Pi Y(x))\rho(-Y(x)) = h(y\Pi Y(y))\rho(-Y(y))$  so that

$h(x\Pi Y(x)) = h(y\Pi Y(y))\rho(Y(x) - Y(y))$ . By Lemma 4 we have  $h(x\Pi Y(x)) = h(y\Pi Y(y))$  and  $Y(x) = Y(y)$ . Since  $h$  is one-to-one  $x\Pi Y(x) = y\Pi Y(y)$ . Hence,  $x = y$  and  $H$  is one-to-one. Since  $h, \Pi, Y$ , and  $p$  are continuous,  $H$  is continuous on  $X - \{p\}$ . We will now show that  $H$  is continuous at  $p$ . Let  $\{z_i\}$  be any sequence in  $X - \{p\}$  which converges to  $p$ . Since  $p$  is stable there is a neighborhood  $W$  of  $\rho$  such that  $W\Pi R^+ \subset L^{-1}([0, \lambda/2])$ . Hence,  $Y(z_i) \leq 0$  for all  $i$  sufficiently large. It suffices to consider two cases:  $Y(z_i) \rightarrow -\infty$  and  $Y(z_i) \rightarrow t \leq 0$ . If  $Y(z_i) \rightarrow -\infty$ , then  $H(z_i) \rightarrow \bar{0}$  since  $\|h(z_i\Pi Y(z_i))\| \leq \Pi^2/6$  for each  $i$  and  $\|H(z_i)\| = \|h(z_i\Pi Y(z_i))\rho(-Y(z_i))\| = c^{-r(z_i)}\|h(z_i\Pi Y(z_i))\| \rightarrow 0$ . If  $Y(z_i) \rightarrow t$  then  $0 \neq \lambda = L(z_i\Pi Y(z_i)) \rightarrow L(p\Pi t) = L(p) = 0$  which is impossible. Thus,  $H$  is continuous. A short calculation shows that  $H^{-1}(H(x)) = h^{-1}[H(x)\rho Y(x)]\Pi(-Y(x))$  whenever  $x \neq p$ . Since  $h^{-1}, H, \rho, Y$ , and  $\Pi$  are continuous,  $H^{-1}$  is continuous on  $H(X) - \{\bar{0}\}$ . Let  $\{y_i\}$  be any sequence in  $X - \{p\}$  such that  $H(y_i) \rightarrow \bar{0}$ . Since  $H(y_i) = c^{-r(y_i)}h(y_i\Pi Y(y_i))$  we must have either  $Y(y_i) \rightarrow -\infty$  or  $h(y_i\Pi Y(y_i)) \rightarrow \bar{0}$ . If  $h(y_i\Pi Y(y_i)) \rightarrow \bar{0}$ , then  $d(y_i\Pi Y(y_i), x_n) \rightarrow 0$  for every  $n$ , which is impossible. Hence  $Y(y_i) \rightarrow -\infty$ . Recall that  $S = L^{-1}(\lambda) \subset U$ , where  $U$  is a neighborhood of  $p$  such that for any neighborhood  $V \subset U$  of  $p$  there is a  $T$  so that  $U\Pi\Pi[T, \infty) \subset V$ . Then  $y_i = (y_i\Pi Y(y_i))\Pi(-Y(y_i)) \in U\Pi\Pi[-Y(y_i), \infty)$ . From our choice of  $U$  and the fact that  $Y(y_i) \rightarrow -\infty$ , we have  $y_i \rightarrow p$ . The continuity of  $H^{-1}$  follows directly.  $H$  is a homeomorphism of  $X$  onto  $H(X)$ .

**THEOREM 5.** *Let  $\Pi$  be a dynamical system on a separable metric space  $X$  which has a globally asymptotically stable critical point  $p$ . Let  $c \in (0, 1)$  and  $\rho$  be the dynamical system on  $I_2$  defined by  $x\rho t = c^t x$ . Then  $\Pi$  can be embedded into  $\rho$  if and only if  $\rho$  is uniformly asymptotically stable.*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $\Pi$  can be embedded into  $\rho$ . Evidently the origin is uniformly asymptotically stable with respect to  $\rho$ . Since  $\Pi$  is embedded into  $\rho$ , it is easy to show that  $p$  is uniformly asymptotically stable. Now suppose that  $p$  is uniformly asymptotically stable. In light of Lemma 4 it remains to show that  $H(x\Pi t) = H(x)\rho t$ . It is easy to show that  $Y(x\Pi t) = Y(x) - t$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 H(x\Pi t) &= h((x\Pi t)\Pi Y(x\Pi t))\rho(-Y(x\Pi t)) \\
 &= h(x\Pi Y(x))\rho(-Y(x) + t) \\
 &= (h(x\Pi Y(x))\rho(-Y(x)))\rho t \\
 &= H(x)\rho t
 \end{aligned}$$

for every  $x \neq p$  and  $t \in R$ . Clearly  $H(p\Pi t) = H(p) = \bar{0} = \bar{0}\rho t$  for every  $t \in R$ .

COROLLARY 6. ([1]) *Let  $\Pi$  be a dynamical system on a locally compact space  $X$ . If  $\Pi$  has a globally asymptotically stable critical point, then  $\Pi$  can be embedded into  $\rho$ .*

LEMMA 7. *Let  $A$  be a compact subset of  $l_2$  with  $\bar{0} \notin A$ . Then  $(A\rho R) \cup \{\bar{0}\}$  is locally compact in the relative topology.*

*Proof.* Since  $A$  is a compact with  $\bar{0} \notin A$ , for any  $N, \varepsilon > 0$  there are  $t_1, t_2 \in R$  such that  $\|A\rho t\| > N$  for  $t < t_1$  and  $\|A\rho t\| < \varepsilon$  for  $t_2 < t$ . It easily follows that  $A\rho R$  is locally compact since  $A\rho B$  is compact whenever  $B$  is a compact subset of  $R$ . Next we will show that  $(A\rho R^+) \cup \{\bar{0}\}$  is a compact neighborhood of  $\bar{0}$  in  $A\rho R$ . Clearly  $A\rho R^+$  is a neighborhood of  $\bar{0}$  in  $(A\rho R) \cup \{\bar{0}\}$ . Let  $\{x_i\}$  and  $\{t_i\}$  be any sequences in  $A$  and  $R^+$  respectively. Without loss of generality we may assume that there is an  $x \in A$  such that  $x_i \rightarrow x$ . If  $\{t_i\}$  has an accumulation point  $t$ , then  $x\rho t$  is an accumulation point of  $\{x_i\rho t_i\}$ . If  $t_i \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $x_i\rho t_i \in A\rho t_i \rightarrow \bar{0}$ . It follows that any sequence in  $(A\rho R^+) \cup \{\bar{0}\}$  has an accumulation. Hence,  $(A\rho R^+) \cup \{\bar{0}\}$  is compact. The desired result follows immediately.

THEOREM 8. *Let  $\Pi$  be a dynamical system on a separable metric space  $X$  which has a globally asymptotically stable critical point  $p$ . Let  $c \in (0, 1)$  and  $\rho$  be the dynamical system on  $l_2$  defined by  $x\rho t = c^t x$ . If  $\Pi$  can be embedded into  $\rho$ , then there exists a locally compact subset  $Y$  of  $l_2$  such that  $\Pi$  can be embedded into  $\rho$  restricted to  $Y$ .*

*Proof.* Let the notation be as before. Evidently  $h(S)$  is a subset of the Hilbert cube,  $T = \{x \in l_2: x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots)$  with  $|x_n| \leq n^{-1}$  for each  $n\}$ , which is a compact subset of  $l_2$ . Since  $S = L^{-1}(\lambda)$ , the section  $S$  is a closed subset of  $X$  with  $p \in S$ . Hence  $\bar{0} \notin h(S)$ . Since  $\overline{h(S)}$  is a closed subset of  $T$ , it is compact. Set  $Y = (\overline{h(S)}\rho R) \cup \{\bar{0}\}$ . By Lemma 7,  $Y$  is a locally compact subset of  $l_2$ . Clearly  $H(X) \subset Y$ . The desired result follows directly.

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