Homework #8

Due: January 27, 2015

1. Consider the stable and unstable manifolds of a hyperbolic fixed point of a C^r vector field in \mathbb{R}^n (for example n = 2 and n = 3):

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

- (a) Can the stable (respectively, unstable) manifold intersect itself? Why?
- (b) Can the stable (respectively, unstable) manifold intersect the stable (respectively, unstable) manifold of a different fixed point? Why?
- (c) Can the stable manifold intersect the unstable manifold? If so, what is the nature of the intersection?
- (d) Can the stable (respectively, unstable) manifold intersect a periodic orbit? Why?
- 2. Consider questions 1a-d for the stable and unstable manifolds of a hyperbolic fixed point of a C^r diffeomorphism in R^2 (for example, the Henon map).
- 3. Ex 12 on Pg 162 of Meiss book.
- 4. Choose two exercises from 8,9,10,11 on Pg 162 of Meiss book (bonus: do them all..).