

Dynamics near heteroclinic networks
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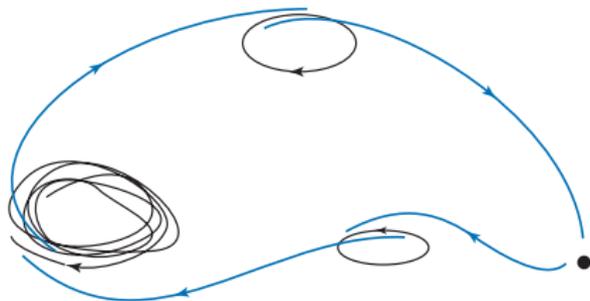
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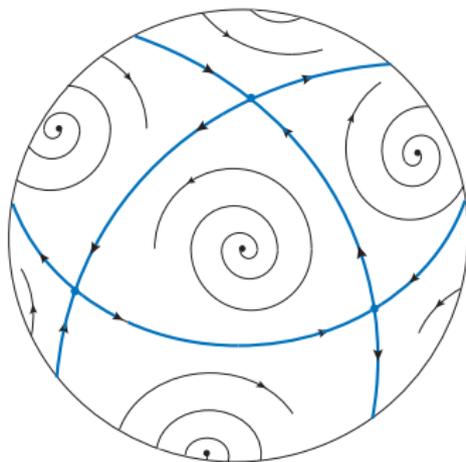
- ▶ 3 dimensional phase-space;
- ▶ nodes are either equilibria or closed trajectories;

Special contexts for persistent heteroclinic cycles: (flow-invariant subspaces)

- ▶ game theory, economics;
- ▶ population dynamics;
- ▶ coupled cell networks;
- ▶ equations with symmetry.

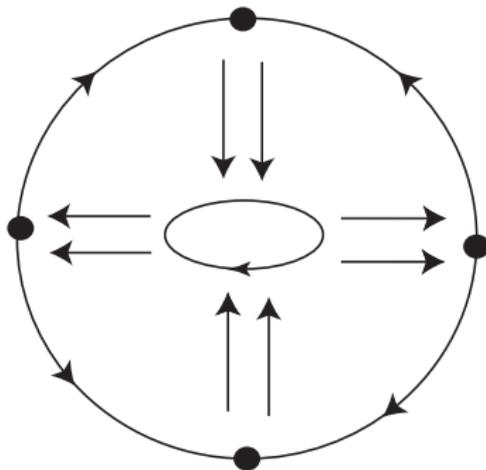
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A rotating node is:

either

a hyperbolic non-trivial closed trajectory of saddle type

or

an equilibrium of saddle type, with eigenvalues

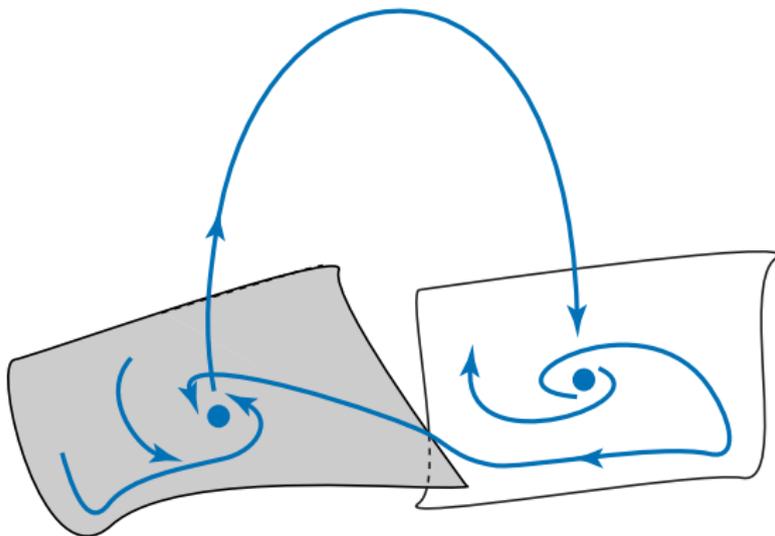
$$A \in \mathbf{R} \quad \text{and} \quad B \pm iC$$

where

$$AB < 0 \quad AB \neq -1 \quad \text{and} \quad C \neq 0$$

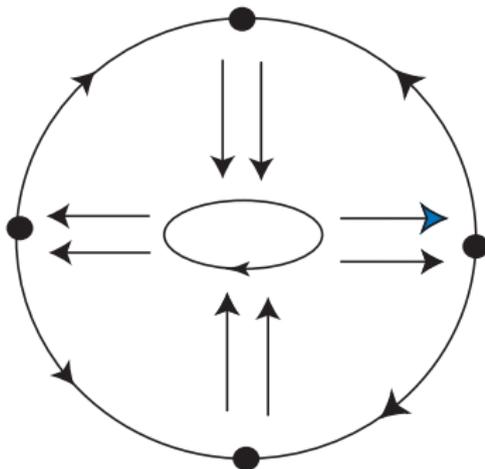
A network of rotating nodes satisfies:

- ▶ all the nodes are rotating
- ▶ all connections that take place in 2-dimensional invariant manifolds occur as transverse intersections.



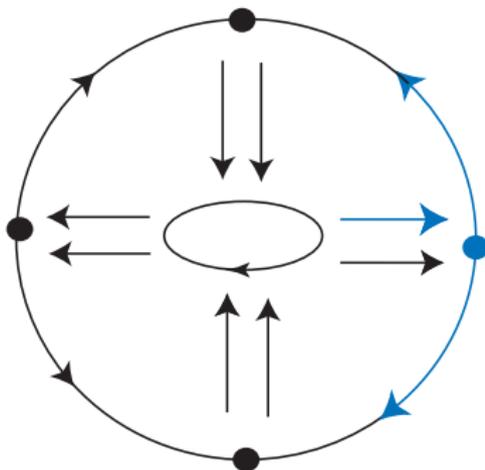
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for every connection coming out of the node
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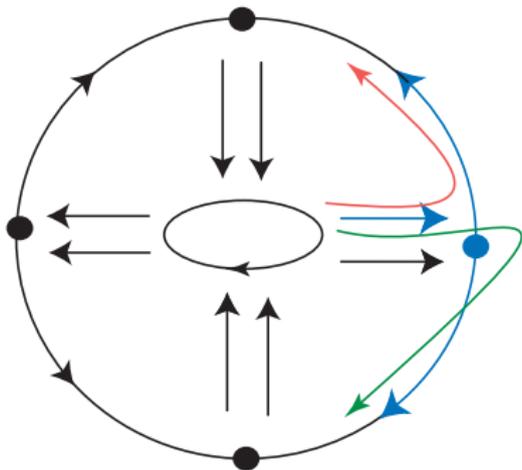
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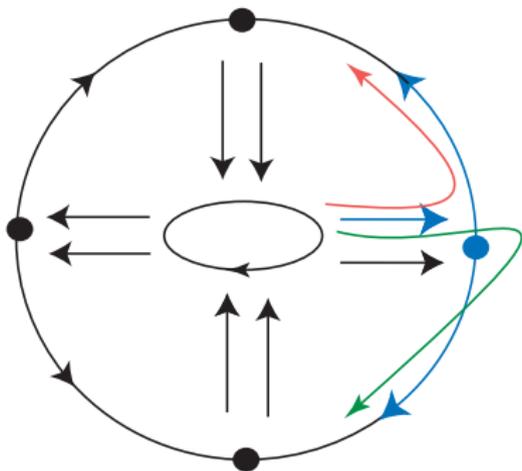
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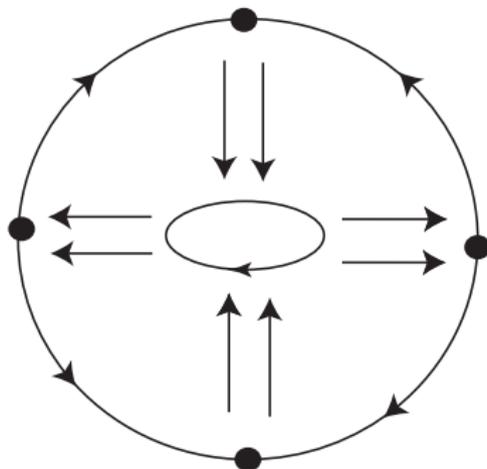
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For hyperbolic nodes, follows from λ -lemma.

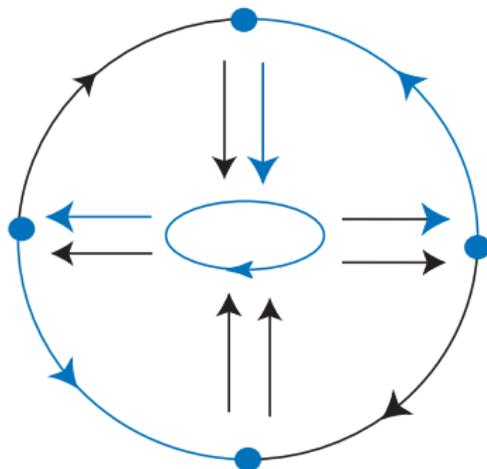
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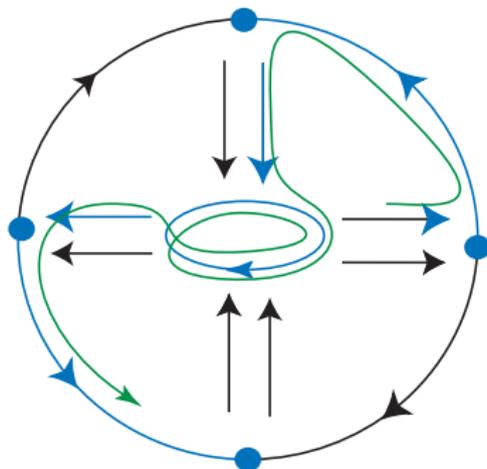
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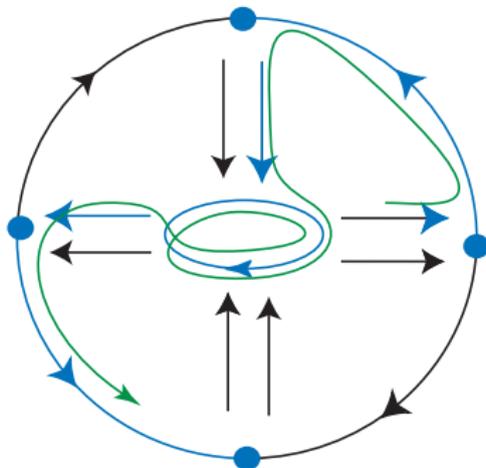
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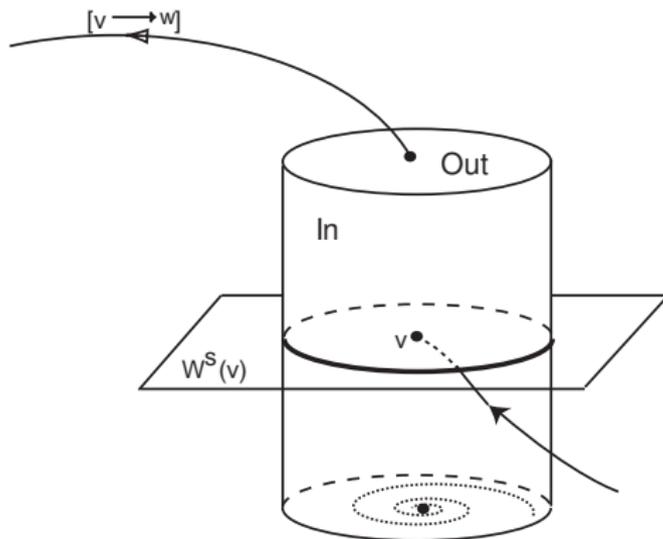
Infinite switching near the network: every infinite path is shadowed.

Theorem

For a vector field on the 3-sphere \mathbf{S}^3 with a network of rotating nodes there is infinite switching on the network.

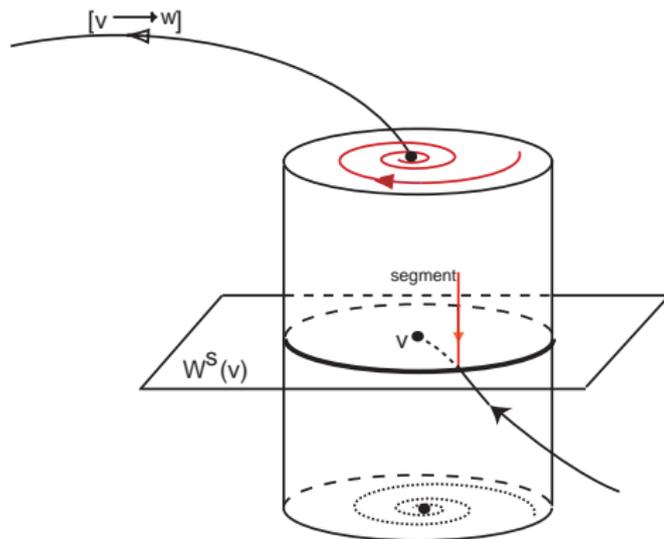
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path $[v \rightarrow w \rightarrow C]$



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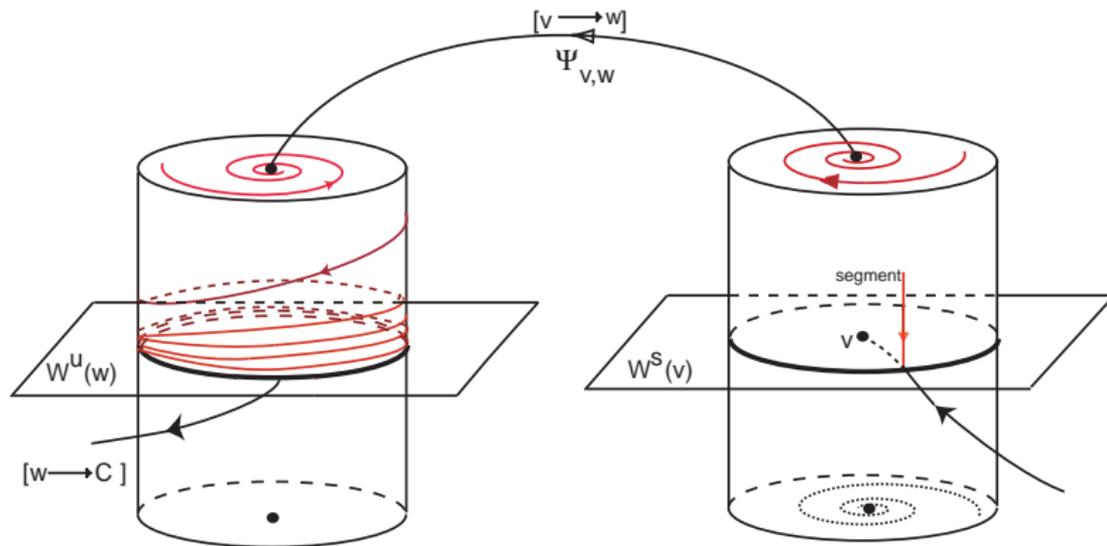
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the red line is **not** a trajectory!

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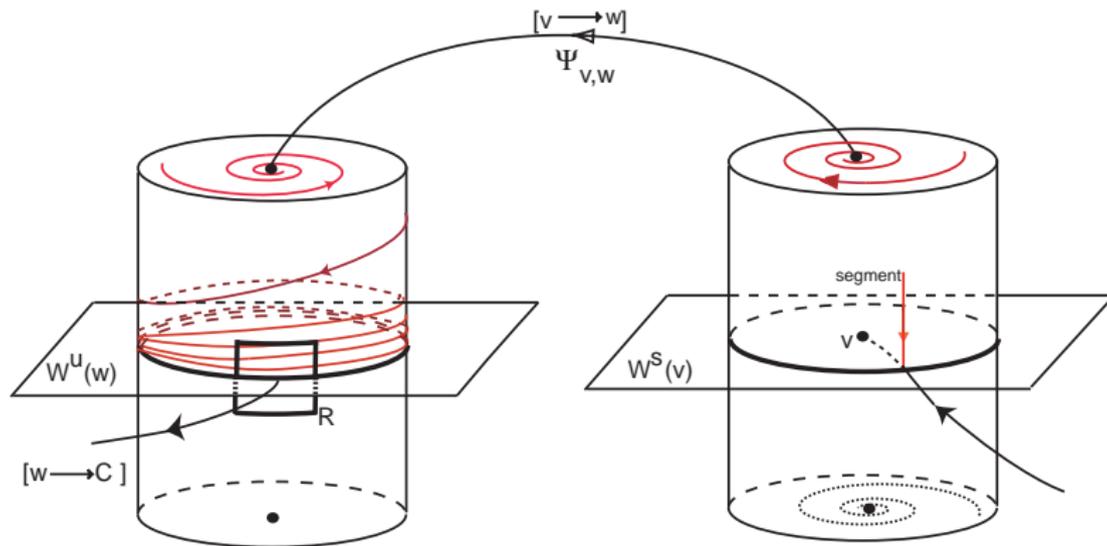
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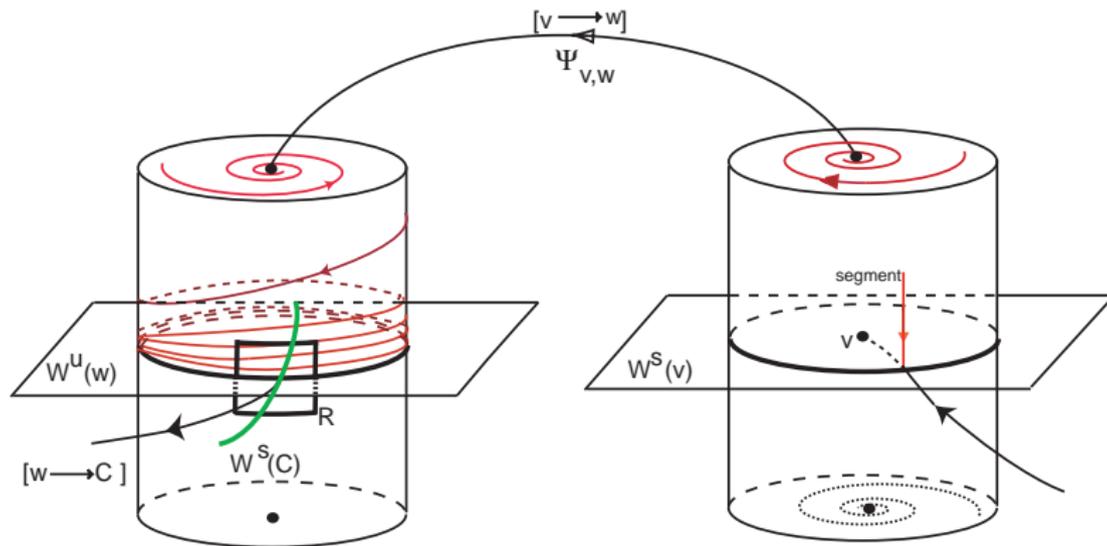
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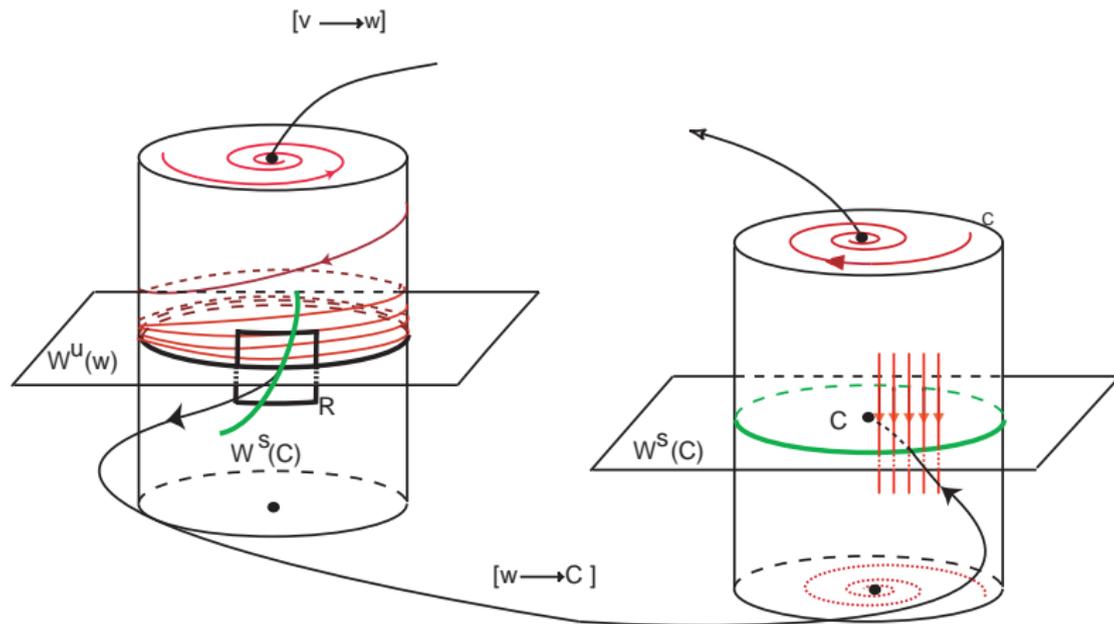
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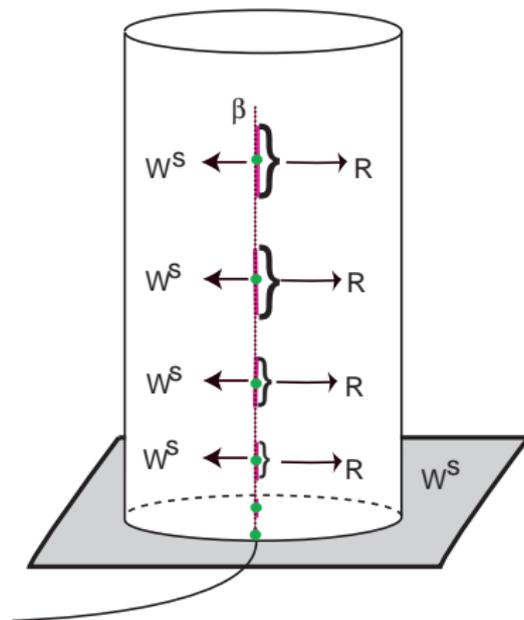
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Iterate the process to get nested sequences of intervals.

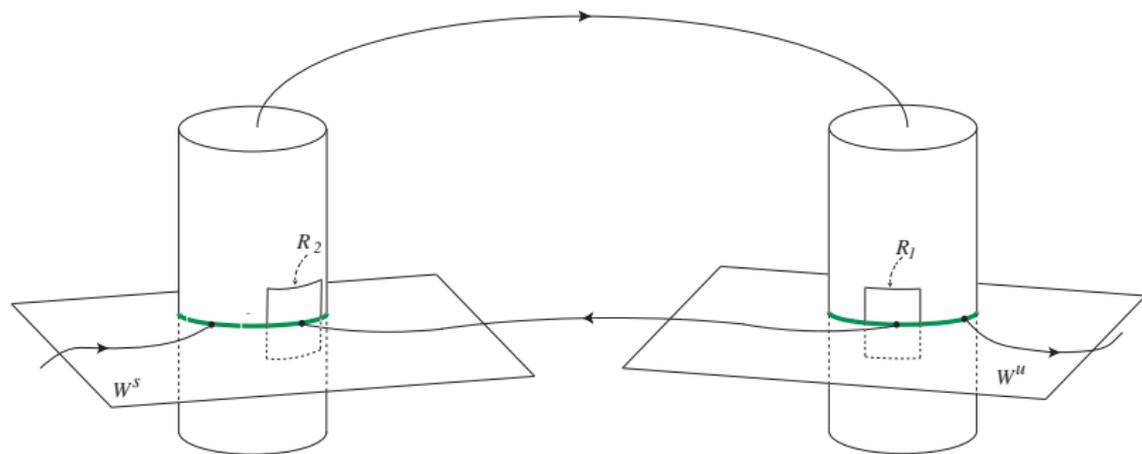


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For a vector field on the 3-sphere \mathbf{S}^3 with a network of rotating nodes there is a suspended horseshoe following each cycle in the network.

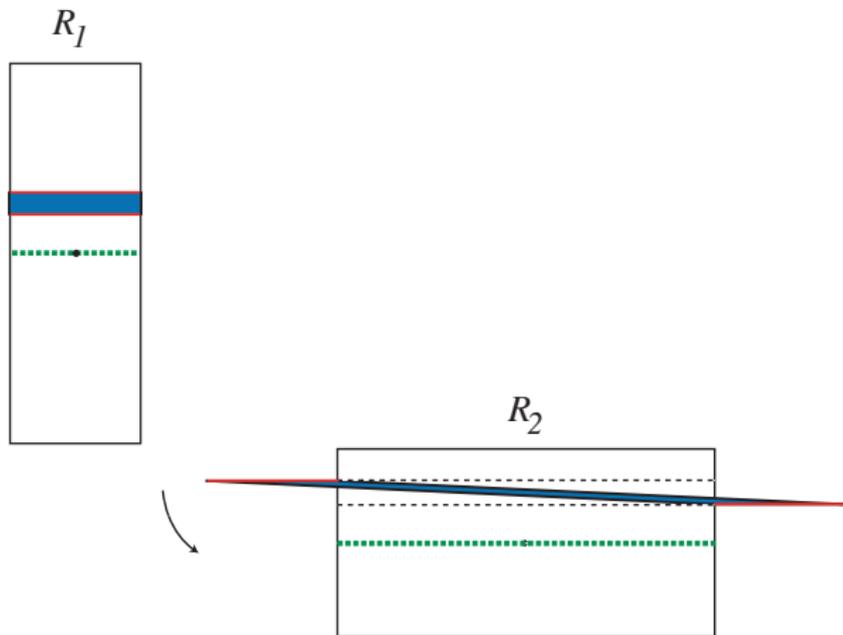
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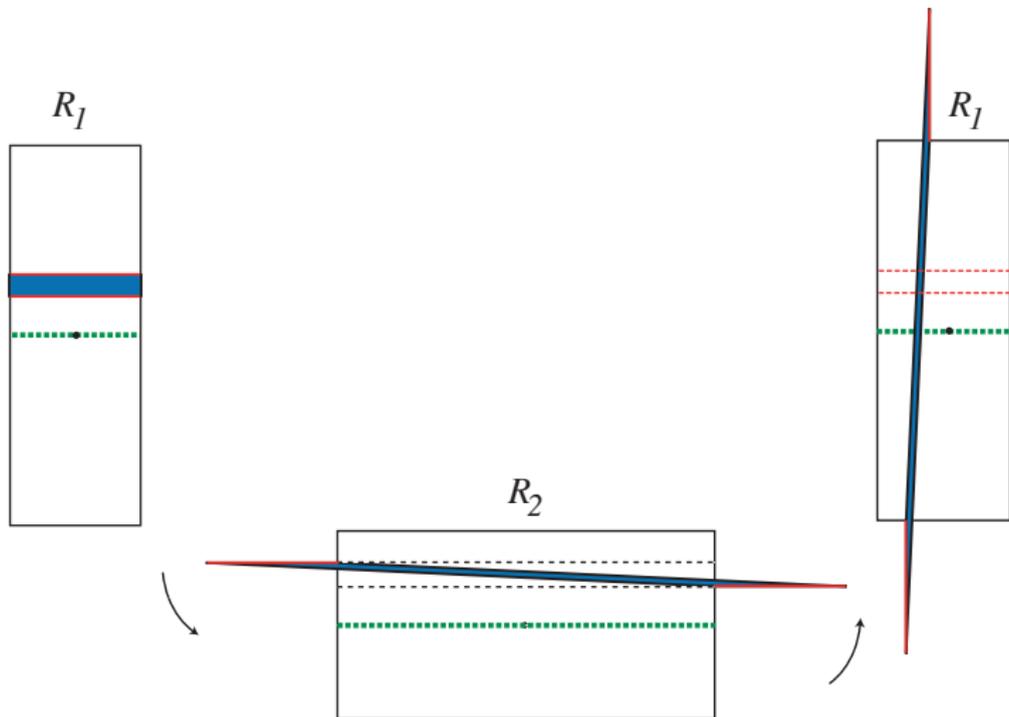
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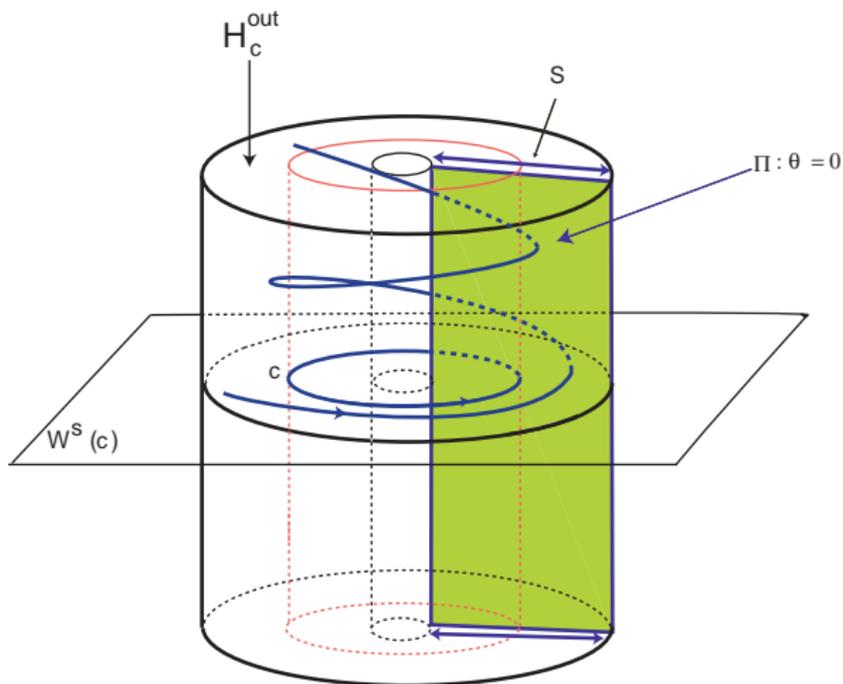
Cycling near a heteroclinic network

Given:

- ▶ an infinite path on the network through the nodes n_1, n_2, \dots
- ▶ a sequence of natural numbers t_1, t_2, \dots

there is a trajectory that makes t_i turns around the node n_i .

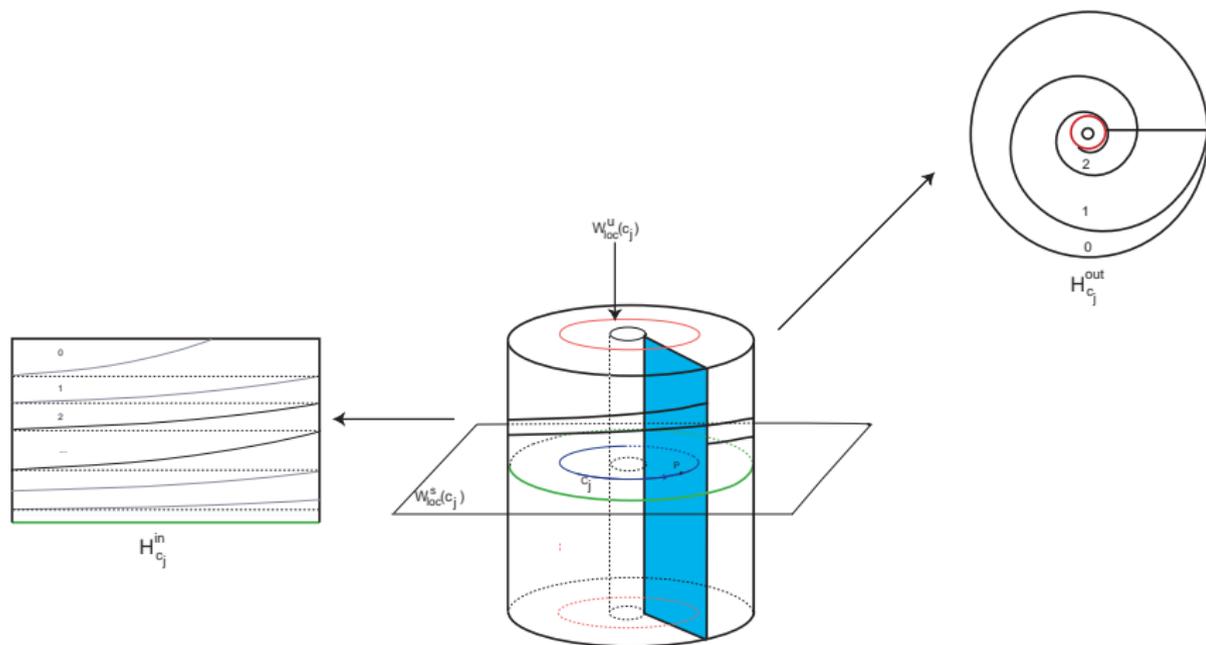
Number of turns inside a neighbourhood of a node
number of times the trajectory hits a section Π



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