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**On Ulam approximation of the isolated spectrum and eigenfunctions of hyperbolic maps.**  
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Ulam's discretization scheme, which is easily implemented on a computer, has proven to be successful in approximating the isolated spectrum of the Perron-Frobenius operator associated with a one-dimensional map. However, for two-dimensional hyperbolic maps, counterexamples to spectral stability of Ulam's scheme were provided by M. Blank, G. Keller and C. Liverani in [Nonlinearity **15** (2002), no. 6, 1905–1973; [MR1938476 \(2003m:37033\)](#)]. Instead, by introducing additional smooth random perturbations, they constructed a 'modified' Ulam scheme that well approximates the Perron-Frobenius operator in a proper sense.

In this note, the author addresses the following question: When does the 'original' Ulam scheme (without smoothing) well approximate the isolated spectrum of the Perron-Frobenius operator of a given two-dimensional hyperbolic map?

For this purpose, he constructs a hyperbolic map and a suitable space of distributions on the unit square. He shows that when acting on this space the Perron-Frobenius operator associated with the map is quasi-compact. In particular, he shows that  $1/2$  and  $1$  are isolated eigenvalues. For this particular map the author proves that Ulam's method well approximates the isolated eigenvalues and their corresponding eigendistributions. The proof relies upon the ability to separate the unstable and stable dynamics into two one-dimensional problems.

The note ends with desirable lines of generalizations and an open question.

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