

C^1 -STABLY SHADOWABLE CHAIN COMPONENTS ARE HYPERBOLIC

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We call a property is a stable (or robust) property if it holds for a system as well as all nearby systems. In the literature of robust dynamics, stably shadable always means hyperbolicity.

Theorem 1 (K. Sakai). *Stably shadowable diffeomorphism satisfies Axiom A and the strong transversality.*

Theorem 2 (K. Moriyasu). *If the chain recurrent set is stably shadowable, then the chain recurrent set is hyperbolic.*

In this article, we consider a single chain component and prove the following theorem.

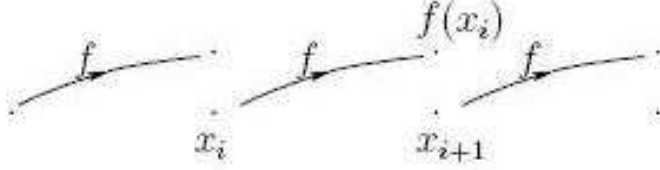
Theorem 3. *Let p be a hyperbolic periodic point of f and $C_f(p)$ be the chain component of f containing p . If $C_f(p)$ is C^1 -stably shadowable, then $C_f(p)$ is hyperbolic.*

As usual, let M be a compact C^∞ Riemannian manifold without boundary, and $\text{Diff}^1(M)$ be the space of diffeomorphisms of M endowed with the C^1 -topology. Denote by d the distance on M induced from the Riemannian metric on the tangent bundle.

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Definition 1. For $\delta > 0$, a sequence of points $\{x_i\}_{i=a}^b \subset M$ ($-\infty \leq a < b \leq \infty$) is called a δ -pseudo-orbit or a δ -chain of $f \in \text{Diff}^1(M)$ if $d(f(x_i), x_{i+1}) < \delta$ for all $a \leq i \leq b-1$.



Definition 2.

- We call a point $x \in M$ is a Chain recurrent point, if for any $\delta > 0$, there exist δ -pseudo orbit $\{x_i\}_{i=0}^n$ ($n > 0$) such that $x_0 = x$ and $x_n = x$
- The set of chain recurrent points of f is called the chain recurrent set of f , denoted by $\text{CR}(f)$.
- For given $x, y \in M$, we write $x \rightsquigarrow y$ if for every $\delta > 0$ there exists a δ -chain $\{x_i\}_{i=0}^n$ ($n > 0$) such that $x_0 = x$ and $x_n = y$. We write $x \sim y$ if $x \rightsquigarrow y$ and $y \rightsquigarrow x$. The equivalence class of \sim are called chain component of f .

Definition 3. Let $\Lambda \subset M$ be a compact f -invariant set. We say Λ is shadowable, if for every $\epsilon > 0$, there is $\delta > 0$ such that for any δ -pseudo-orbit $\{x_i\}_{i=a}^b \subset \Lambda$ of f ($-\infty \leq a < b \leq \infty$), there is $y \in M$ satisfying $d(f^i(y), x_i) < \epsilon$ for all $a \leq i \leq b$.

Definition 4. Let p be a hyperbolic periodic point of f . Denote $C_f(p)$ the chain component of f containing p . We say that $C_f(p)$ is C^1 -stably shadowable if there exists a neighborhood $\mathcal{U}(f)$ of f such that for any $g \in \mathcal{U}(f)$, $g|_{C_g(p_g)}$ has the shadowing property, where p_g is the continuation of p .

Our conclusion is based on the following theorem:

Theorem 4 (K. Sakai). Let $C_f(p)$ be C^1 -stably shadowable. Then there exists a neighborhood $\mathcal{U}(f)$ of f and constants $m > 0$, $C > 0$ and $0 < \lambda < 1$ satisfying:

1. For every $g \in \mathcal{U}(f)$, $C_g(p_g)$ coincides with $H_f(O(p_g))$ and admit a dominated splitting $T_{C_g(p_g)}M = E(g) \oplus F(g)$ with $\dim E(g) = \text{ind}(p_g)$.
2. For every $g \in \mathcal{U}(f)$, if $q \in C_g(p_g) \cap P(g)$ is hyperbolic, then $\text{ind}(q) = \text{ind}(p_g)$ and

$$\prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \|Dg^m|_{E^s(g^{im}(q))}\| < C\lambda^k,$$

$$\prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \|Dg^{-m}|_{E^u(g^{-im}(q))}\| < C\lambda^k,$$

where $k = [\pi(q)/m]$ ($\pi(q)$ represents the minimal period of q and $[\cdot]$ represents the integer part).

Actually, we prove the following proposition.

Proposition 5 (Main proposition). *Let p be a hyperbolic periodic point, and $C_f(p)$ be the chain component of f containing p . Let $0 < \lambda < 1$, $L \geq 1$ be given. Assume Λ satisfies the following properties (P1) to (P4):*

(P1). $C_f(p)$ equals the homoclinic class $H_f(O(p))$.

(P2). *There exist a continuous Df -invariant splitting $T_\Lambda M = E \oplus F$ with $\dim E = \text{ind}(p)$ such that for every $x \in \Lambda$,*

$$\|Df|_{E(x)}\|/m(Df|_{F(x)}) < \lambda^2.$$

(P3). *For any $q \in P(f) \cap \Lambda$, if q is hyperbolic and $\pi(q) > L$, then $\text{ind}(q) = \text{ind}(p)$ and*

$$\prod_{i=0}^{\pi(q)-1} \|Df|_{E^s(f^i(q))}\| < \lambda^{\pi(q)}$$

$$\prod_{i=0}^{\pi(q)-1} \|Df|_{E^u(f^{-i}(q))}\| < \lambda^{\pi(q)}.$$

(P4). Λ is shadowable.

Then Λ is hyperbolic for f .

In our proof, the following notion of quasi hyperbolic string plays the most important role.

Definition 5. *Let $f \in \text{Diff}^1(M)$, Λ be a compact invariant set of f , and $T_\Lambda M = E \oplus F$ be a continuous Df -invariant splitting. Let $\lambda \in (0, 1)$. An orbit string $(x, f^n x) = \{x, fx, f^2x, \dots, f^n x\}$ in Λ is called a λ -quasi hyperbolic string with respect to the splitting of $E \oplus F$ if the following conditions are satisfied:*

- (1) $\|Df|_{E(f^i x)}\|/m(Df|_{F(f^i x)}) \leq \lambda^2$ for every $i = 0, \dots, n - 1$.
- (2) $\prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \|Df|_{E(f^i x)}\| \leq \lambda^k$, for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$.
- (3) $\prod_{i=k-1}^{n-1} m(Df|_{F(f^i x)}) \geq \lambda^{k-n-1}$ for $k = 1, \dots, n$.

Remark 6. *The first condition just correspond to dominated splitting.*

The most important property of a quasi-hyperbolic string is that it can be shadowed by a periodic point if the two end points of the strings are sufficiently close:

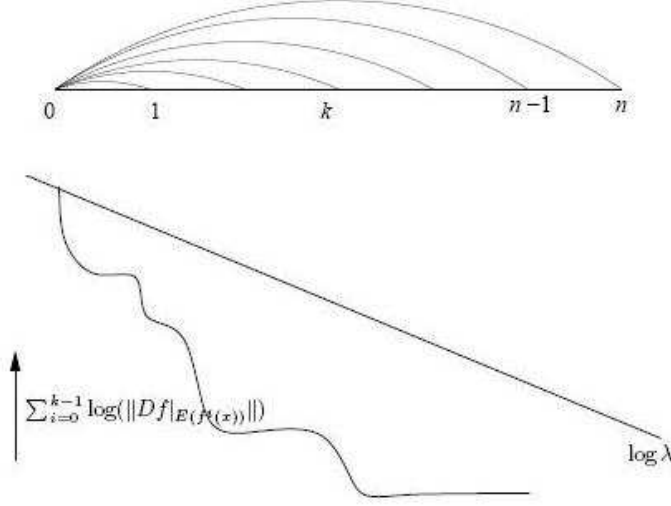


FIGURE 1. The second and third inequalities in quasi hyperbolic strings

Theorem 7 (Liao). *Let $T_\Lambda M = E \oplus F$ be a continuous Df -invariant splitting. For any $0 < \lambda < 1$ and any $\epsilon > 0$, there is $\delta > 0$ such that for any λ -quasi hyperbolic string $(x, f^n x)$ of f in Λ with $d(f^n x, x) \leq \delta$, there is a periodic point $p \in M$ of f such that $f^n(p) = p$ and $d(f^i p, f^i x) \leq \epsilon$ for all $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$.*

The main issue in the application of quasi hyperbolic string is finding a quasi-hyperbolic string with two end points sufficiently close. quasi hyperbolic strings. We construct the following lemma in this article.

Lemma 8. *Let $\{a_i\}_{i=0}^\infty$ be an infinite sequence with all $|a_i| < K$ for a uniform constant K . Assume*

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i = \xi$$

and

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i = \xi',$$

where $\xi' < \xi$.

Then for any ξ_1, ξ_2 with $\xi_1 < \xi < \xi_2$, there is an infinite sequence $\{m_i\}_{i=1}^\infty \subset \mathbb{N}$ such that for every $i = 1, 2, \dots$ and every $k = 1, \dots, m_{i+1} - m_i$,

$$\frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=m_i}^{m_i+k-1} a_j \leq \xi_2,$$

$$\frac{1}{k} \sum_{j=m_{i+1}-k}^{m_{i+1}-1} a_j \geq \xi_1.$$

Remark 9. Note that the last two inequalities are just the conditions for what we call a (ξ_1, ξ_2) -“Liao string”.

Applying above lemma, we can get the following proposition.

Proposition 10. Let $0 < \lambda < 1$ be given. Let Λ be a compact invariant set of f with a continuous Df -invariant splitting $T_\Lambda M = E \oplus F$ such that

$$\frac{\|Df|_{E(x)}\|}{m(Df|_{F(x)})} < \lambda^2$$

for any $x \in \Lambda$. Assume there is a point $a \in \Lambda$ satisfying

$$\log \lambda < \log \lambda_1 = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \log(\|Df|_{E(f^i a)}\|) < 0$$

and

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \log(\|Df|_{E(f^i a)}\|) < \log \lambda_1.$$

Then for any λ_2 and λ_3 with $\lambda < \lambda_2 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_3 < 1$, and any neighborhood U of Λ , there exist a hyperbolic period point q of index $\dim(E)$ such that its orbit $O(q)$ is entirely contained in U and the derivatives along $O(q)$ satisfies

$$\prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \|Df|_{E^s(f^i q)}\| < \lambda_3^k,$$

$$\prod_{i=k-1}^{\pi(q)-1} \|Df|_{E^s(f^i q)}\| > \lambda_2^{\pi(q)-k+1},$$

for all $k = 1, 2, \dots, \pi(q)$. Furthermore, q can be chosen such that $\pi(q)$ is arbitrarily large.

Remark 11. By the assumption of dominated splitting,

$$\frac{\|Df|_{E(x)}\|}{m(Df|_{F(x)})} < \lambda^2,$$

the second inequalities imply

$$\prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \|Df^{-1}|_{E^u(f^{-i} q)}\| < (\lambda^2/\lambda_2)^k,$$

for every $k > 0$.

We will prove the main proposition by reduction to contradiction. Assume $C_f(p)$ is not hyperbolic, then either E is not contracting or F is not expanding. Without lost of generality, we assume E is not contracting.

Claim 1. Since E is not contracting, we can find a “bad” point b in $C_f(p)$ such that

$$\prod_{j=0}^{n-1} \|Df|_{E(f^j b)}\| \geq 1$$

for any $n > 0$.

We construct a pseudo orbit, which connected by the segments hyperbolic periodic orbits and the orbit segments of b . By shadowing these pseudo orbits, we can get the following claim.

Claim 2. For any $\lambda < \eta < \eta' < 1$ and any neighborhood V of $C_f(p)$, there exists $a \in V$ with $O(a) \subset V$ such that

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \log(\|Df|_{E(f^j a)}\|) < \eta < \limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \log(\|Df|_{E(f^j a)}\|) < \eta'$$

By the above claim and proposition 10, we can obtain: **Claim 3.** For any $\lambda < \eta < \eta' < 1$ and any neighborhood V of Λ , there exist a hyperbolic period point q of index $\dim(E)$ such that its orbit $O(q)$ is entirely contained in V and the derivatives along $O(q)$ satisfies

$$\prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \|Df|_{E^s(f^i q)}\| \leq \eta'^k,$$

$$\prod_{i=k-1}^{\pi(q)-1} \|Df|_{E^s(f^i q)}\| \geq \eta^{\pi(q)-k+1},$$

for all $k = 1, 2, \dots, \pi(q)$. Furthermore, q can be chosen such that $\pi(q) > L$.

Proof of main proposition. By Claim 3, we can find a sequence of hyperbolic periodic point $q_k \in M$ converge to a point $z \in \Lambda$. For every q_k , we have

$$\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \|Df|_{E(f^i(q_k))}\| < \eta'^n, \text{ for any } n \geq 1,$$

$$\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \|Df^{-1}|_{E(f^{-i}(q_k))}\| < \left(\frac{\lambda^2}{\eta}\right)^n, \text{ for any } n \geq 1.$$

Since q_k have uniform size stably and unstably manifolds, there exist $N \geq 1$ such that for any $k, l \geq N$, q_k and q_l are homoclinically related, meaning $W^s(q_k) \pitchfork W^u(q_l)$ and $W^u(q_k) \pitchfork W^s(q_l)$. Therefore, $z \in H_f(O(q_k))$ for all $k \geq N$. Hence $q_k \in C_f(p)$ for all $k \geq N$, contradicting hypothesis (P2). This proves the main proposition.

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