

Approximate solutions of cohomological equations associated with some Anosov flows

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Abstract. The Livshitz theorem reported in 1971 asserts that any C^1 function having zero integrals over *all* periodic orbits of a topologically transitive Anosov flow is a derivative of another C^1 function in the direction of the flow. Similar results for functions of higher differentiability have also appeared since. In this paper we prove a ‘finite version’ of the Livshitz theorem for a certain class of Anosov flows on 3-dimensional manifolds which include geodesic flows on negatively curved surfaces as a special case.

1. Notations and statement of the main result

Let X be a compact 3-manifold. A flow $\{\psi^t\}(t \in \mathbb{R})$ on X is called *contact* if it preserves a contact form Ω , i.e. a differential 1-form such that $\Omega \wedge d\Omega \neq 0$. In this paper we will be concerned with C^∞ contact Anosov flows. A primary example of such a flow is a geodesic flow on SM, the unit tangent bundle to a compact surface M provided with a Riemannian metric of negative curvature. We shall introduce some notations and list basic facts about contact Anosov flows.

F1. A flow $\{\psi^t\}$ is *Anosov*, if there exists a continuous $D\psi^t$ -invariant splitting of the tangent bundle to X

$$TX = E^0 \oplus E^s \oplus E^u,$$

where E^0 , E^s and E^u are one-dimensional distributions spanned by unit vector fields ξ^0 , ξ^s and ξ^u , and for any Riemannian metric there exist constants a_1 , b_1 , $\alpha > 0$ such that for all $x \in X$ and any positive real number t

$$\begin{aligned} \|D\psi^t \xi^s(x)\| &\leq a_1 e^{-\alpha t}, \\ \|D\psi^t \xi^u(x)\| &\geq b_1 e^{\alpha t}. \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

Here D denotes the differential of the flow, and the norm of a tangent vector is defined by the Riemannian metric on X . We shall also need the estimates on the other side which hold for any smooth flow: there exist constants a_2 , b_2 , $\delta > 0$ such that for all $x \in X$ and any positive real number t

$$\begin{aligned} \|D\psi^t \xi^s(x)\| &\geq a_2 e^{-\delta t}, \\ \|D\psi^t \xi^u(x)\| &\leq b_2 e^{\delta t}. \end{aligned} \tag{1.2}$$

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Let us denote

$$\chi^s(x, t) = \|D\psi^t \xi^s(x)\|; \quad \chi^u(x, t) = \|D\psi^t \xi^u(x)\|.$$

Let $-\lambda(x, t)$ and $\mu(x, t)$ be the logarithmic derivatives of the functions $\chi^s(x, t)$ and $\chi^u(x, t)$, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \chi^s(x, t)}{\partial t} &= -\lambda(x, t)\chi^s(x, t) \\ \frac{\partial \chi^u(x, t)}{\partial t} &= \mu(x, t)\chi^u(x, t). \end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(x, t) &= -\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|D\psi^\tau \xi^s(\psi^t x)\| - 1}{\tau} = \Lambda(\psi^t x), \\ \mu(x, t) &= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|D\psi^\tau \xi^u(\psi^t x)\| - 1}{\tau} = M(\psi^t x). \end{aligned}$$

The integral curves of E^0 are the orbits of the flow $\{\psi^t\}$. The integral curves of the distribution E^s (E^u) form the *stable* (*unstable*) foliation which is denoted by σ^s (σ^u). We denote the distance on X by d , and the distance along the leaves of the foliations σ^s and σ^u by d^s and d^u respectively.

F2. A contact Anosov flow $\{\psi^t\}$ preserves the measure on X defined by the volume element $\Omega \wedge d\Omega$, which is sometimes called the Liouville measure. We assume that a Riemannian metric on X is chosen in such a way that the Riemannian volume on X coincides with the Liouville measure.

F3. A contact Anosov flow $\{\psi^t\}$ is topologically transitive, and each leaf of the foliations σ^s and σ^u is uniformly dense, i.e. for any $\rho > 0$ there exists $N > 0$ such that for any $x \in X$, any $M \geq N$ and $i \in \{s, u\}$ $D_M^i(x) = \{z \in \sigma^i(x) \mid d^i(x, z) < M\}$ is ρ -dense in X , i.e. intersects every ball in X of radius ρ [1].

F4. The distributions E^s and E^u (and therefore foliations σ^s and σ^u) are of class $C^{2-\varepsilon}$ for any $\varepsilon > 0$ [6]. In fact, we only use that they are C^1 . The latter fact for geodesic flows was known already to Hopf [4, § 14], [5, § 7]. It follows that $\Lambda(x), M(x) \in C^1(X)$.

We denote the operators of differentiation in the directions of ξ^0, ξ^s and ξ^u by $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}_0, \mathcal{D}_s$ and \mathcal{D}_u respectively. Let α^0, α^s and α^u be differential 1-forms dual to the vector fields ξ^0, ξ^s and ξ^u :

$$\alpha^i(\xi^j) = \delta_{ij}, \quad \text{for } i, j \in \{0, s, u\}.$$

Hereafter C and K with various subscripts will denote positive constants which may depend on the manifold X . The dependence on a parameter, if any, will be specified.

THEOREM 1.1. (Finite Livshitz Theorem.) *Let X be a compact 3-manifold, $\{\psi^t\}$ be a contact Anosov flow on X , and $T > 0$. Then for any $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < \alpha/\delta$ there exists a constant $C(\lambda)$ such that if $f \in C^2(X), \|f\|_{C^2} = 1$, and $\int_{[o]} f dt = 0$ for all periodic orbits $[o]$ of $\{\psi^t\}$ of length $\leq T$, then there exist $F, h \in C^{1+\lambda}(X)$ such that $f = \mathcal{D}F + h$, and $\|h\|_{C^1} \leq C(\lambda) T^{-\lambda/(3-\lambda)}$.*

Remarks. 1. Notice that a weak form of Theorem 1.1 (without an explicit estimate of how $\|h\|_{C^1}$ tends to 0 as $T \rightarrow \infty$) follows immediately from the Livshitz† theorem [7] and the fact that the unit sphere in C^2 is compact in C^1 (the Ascoli–Arzelà Theorem).

2. For results similar to the Livshitz theorem for functions of higher differentiability see [3], [8] and [6].

2. *Construction of a Hölder continuous differential form on X*

Let us fix a Riemannian metric on X as in (F2), and define the following functions

$$k^0(x) = f(x), k^s(x) = - \int_0^\infty \mathcal{D}_s f(\psi^t x) \chi^s(x, t) dt, k^u(x) = - \int_0^{-\infty} \mathcal{D}_u f(\psi^t x) \chi^u(x, t) dt.$$

It follows from (1.1) and (1.2) that these integrals converge. We define a differential 1-form $\omega_f = \omega$ associated to the function f by the formula $\omega = \omega^0 + \omega^s + \omega^u$, where $\omega^0 = k^0(x)\alpha^0$, $\omega^s = k^s(x)\alpha^s$, $\omega^u = k^u(x)\alpha^u$. For notational simplicity in most cases we will suppress the dependence ω_f on f . The following theorem holds for all contact Anosov flows.

THEOREM 2.1. *The differential form ω_f satisfies a Hölder condition of order λ for any $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < 1$.*

Proof. In view of (F4), it is sufficient to prove that each form ω^0 , ω^s and ω^u satisfy a Hölder condition, i.e. that for any $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < 1$, there exists $C_0(\lambda) > 0$ such that for $i, j \in \{0, s, u\}$ and $x' \in \sigma^j(x)$ $|k^i(x) - k^i(x')| \leq C_0(\lambda) d^j(x, x')^\lambda$. We shall make calculations for $i = s$ and leave the other cases to the reader. Let $d^j(x, x') = d$. If $j = 0, s$ we choose $T = T(x)$ such that

$$\chi^s(x, T(x)) = d. \tag{2.1}$$

If $j = u$ we choose $T = T(x)$ such that

$$d^u(\psi^T x, \psi^T x') = 1. \tag{2.2}$$

Let us parametrize the piece of the leaf $\sigma^u(x)$ between x and x' by a parameter u as follows: $u(x) = 0$, $u(x'') = d^u(x, x'')$, $x'' \in [x, x']$, $x'' \in \sigma^u(x)$, and let $l(u, t) = d^u(\psi^t x, \psi^t x'')$.

It follows from (1.1) and (1.2) that

$$a_2 e^{-\delta(T-t)} \leq d^u(\psi^t x, \psi^t x'') \leq a_1 e^{-\alpha(T-t)}.$$

It follows from (1.3) that for any $x'' \in [x, x']$

$$\chi^s(x'', t) = \exp \int_0^t -\lambda(x'', \tau) d\tau. \tag{2.3}$$

Therefore

$$\frac{\chi^s(x'', t)}{\chi^s(x, t)} = \exp \int_0^t (\lambda(x, \tau) - \lambda(x'', \tau)) d\tau \leq \exp C_1 \int_0^t d^u(\psi^\tau x, \psi^\tau x'') d\tau.$$

For our choice of T , (2.2), we have for $0 \leq t \leq T$:

$$\int_0^t d^u(\psi^\tau x, \psi^\tau x'') d\tau \leq C_2,$$

and therefore $\chi^s(x'', t)/\chi^s(x, t) \leq C_3$. The same argument shows that

† A phoenetic transliteration of his name, Livčic, appears in the translations of his papers from Russian into English.

$\chi^s(x, t)/\chi^s(x'', t) \leq C_3$. Hence

$$C_3^{-1} \leq \frac{\chi^s(x'', t)}{\chi^s(x, t)} \leq C_3 \tag{2.4}$$

for $0 \leq t \leq T$ and any $x'' \in [x, x']$. Since the flow $\{\psi^t\}$ preserves the Liouville measure (F2), we have $C_4^{-1} \leq \chi^s(x'', t)\chi^u(x'', t) \leq C_4$, and therefore

$$C_5^{-1} \leq \frac{\chi^u(x'', T)}{\chi^u(x, T)} \leq C_5.$$

We have $\partial l(u(x''), t)/\partial u = \|D\psi^t \xi^u(x'')\| = \chi^u(x'', t)$, and

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= d^u(\psi^T x, \psi^T x') = l(d, T) \\ &= \int_0^d \frac{\partial l}{\partial u}(u, T) du \leq C_6 d \chi^u(x, T) = C_7 d (\chi^s(x, T))^{-1}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

which implies

$$\chi^s(x, T) \leq C_7 d, \chi^s(x', T) \leq C_8 d. \tag{2.6}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} |k^s(x) - k^s(x')| &= \left| \int_0^\infty (\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x))\chi^s(x, t) - \mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))\chi^s(x', t)) dt \right| \\ &\leq \int_0^\infty |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x)) - \mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \chi^s(x, t) dt \\ &\quad + \int_0^\infty |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \cdot |\chi^s(x, t) - \chi^s(x', t)| dt \\ &\leq \int_0^T |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x)) - \mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \chi^s(x, t) dt \\ &\quad + \int_0^T |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \cdot |\chi^s(x, t) - \chi^s(x', t)| dt \\ &\quad + \int_T^\infty |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x)) - \mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \chi^s(x, t) dt \\ &\quad + \int_T^\infty |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \cdot |\chi^s(x, t) - \chi^s(x', t)| dt \\ &\leq \int_0^T |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x)) - \mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \chi^s(x, t) dt \\ &\quad + \int_0^T |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \cdot |\chi^s(x, t) - \chi^s(x', t)| dt \\ &\quad + \int_T^\infty |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x))| \chi^s(x, t) dt + 2 \int_T^\infty |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \chi^s(x, t) dt \\ &\quad + \int_T^\infty |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \chi^s(x', t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

We claim that $\chi^j(x', T) \leq C_9 d$. For $j = u$ this was proved above (2.6). For $j = 0$, s this follows from the choice of T , (2.1), and the inequalities

$$d^j(\psi^t x, \psi^t x') \leq C_{10} d, \tag{2.7}$$

and

$$|\chi^s(x, T) - \chi^s(x', T)| \leq C_{11} d^j (\psi^T x, \psi^T x') \leq C_{12} d.$$

It follows from (1.1) that in both cases

$$T \leq C_{13} |\ln d|. \tag{2.8}$$

Thus, (1.3), (2.4), (2.6) and $\|f\|_{C^2} = 1$ imply that each of the last three integrals is estimated from above by $C_{14} \int_T^\infty \chi^s(x, t) dt \leq C_{15} \chi^s(x, T) \leq C_{16} d$.

We estimate now the first two integrals. There exists $\theta(t) \in [x, x']$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x)) - \mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \chi^s(x, t) dt \\ &= \int_0^T |\mathcal{D}_s \mathcal{D}_j(f(\psi^t \theta(t)))| d^j(\psi^t x, \psi^t x') \chi^s(x, t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Let $j = 0, s$. The inequalities (1.1) and (1.2) imply that

$$\int_0^T \chi^s(x, t) dt \leq C_{17},$$

and using (2.7) we estimate the first integral from above by $C_{18} d$. The second integral in this case is estimated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \cdot |\chi^s(x, t) - \chi^s(x', t)| dt &\leq C_{19} \int_0^T d^j(\psi^t x, \psi^t x') dt \leq C_{20} dT \\ &\leq C_{21} d \cdot |\ln d| \leq C_{21} C_{22}(\lambda) d^\lambda \end{aligned}$$

for any $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < 1$. The last two inequalities follow from (2.8) and the fact that for any $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < 1$ there exists $C_{22}(\lambda)$ such that $d \cdot |\ln d| \leq C_{22}(\lambda) d^\lambda$. Now let $j = u$. A calculation similar to (2.5) gives us

$$d^u(\psi^t x, \psi^t x') = d \cdot \chi^u(x_0, t) \leq C_4 d \cdot (\chi^s(x_0, t))^{-1},$$

where $x_0 \in [x, x'], x_0 \in \sigma^u(x)$. This equality, together with (2.4) and (2.8), implies that the first integral in this case is estimated from above by

$$C_{23} \int_0^T |d^u(\psi^t x, \psi^t x')| \chi^s(x, t) dt \leq C_{24} dT \leq C_{25} d \cdot |\ln d| \leq C_{26}(\lambda) d^\lambda$$

for any $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < 1$. The second integral is estimated from above by $C_{27} \int_0^T |\chi^s(x, t) - \chi^s(x', t)| dt$. We use (1.3) and (2.3) to estimate the integrand

$$\begin{aligned} |\chi^s(x, t) - \chi^s(x', t)| &= \left| \exp \int_0^t -\lambda(x, \tau) d\tau - \exp \int_0^t -\lambda(x', \tau) d\tau \right| \\ &= \left(\exp \int_0^t -\lambda(x, \tau) d\tau \right) \cdot \left| 1 - \exp \int_0^t (\lambda(x, \tau) - \lambda(x', \tau)) d\tau \right| \\ &\leq C_{28} \chi^s(x, t) \cdot \left| \int_0^t (\lambda(x, \tau) - \lambda(x', \tau)) d\tau \right| \\ &\leq C_{29} \chi^s(x, t) \int_0^t d^u(\psi^\tau x, \psi^\tau x') d\tau \\ &\leq C_{30} \chi^s(x, t) \int_0^t d \cdot (\chi^s(x, \tau))^{-1} d\tau \\ &\leq C_{31} \chi^s(x, t) (\chi^s(x, t))^{-1} \cdot d \leq C_{32} d. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the second integral is estimated by $C_{32} dT \leq C_{33} d \cdot |\ln d| \leq C_{34}(\lambda) d^\lambda$ for any $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < 1$, and the theorem follows. \square

3. Construction of an ε -dense orbit for the flow $\{\psi^t\}$

THEOREM 3.1. *Given $\varepsilon > 0$ sufficiently small, there exists an ε -dense piece of orbit of the flow $\{\psi^t\}$ of length T :*

$$\mathcal{O} = \{x \in X, x = \psi^t x_0, 0 \leq t \leq T\}$$

with $T = C \ln \varepsilon^{-1} / \varepsilon^2$ where the constant $C > 0$ depends only on the Riemannian metric on the manifold X and the flow $\{\psi^t\}$.

Proof. We prove first that any two points $x, y \in X$ can be ‘ ε -joined’ by a piece of orbit of length $C_1 \ln \varepsilon^{-1}$, i.e. there exist $x', y' \in X$ and a constant $C_1 > 0$ such that $d(x, x') < \varepsilon, d(y, y') < \varepsilon$, and $y' = \psi^T x'$ for $T = C_1 \ln \varepsilon^{-1}$. Let ρ be a sufficiently small number which will be specified below. We assume that $\varepsilon < \rho$. By (F3) one can choose a constant $N > 0$ such that any piece of the leaf of the foliation σ^u of size $M \geq N$ is $\rho/2$ -dense. For $T_1 = \alpha^{-1} \ln(N/b_1 \varepsilon)$ the piece of the leaf $\psi^{T_1}(D_\varepsilon^u y) = D_M^u(\psi^{T_1} y)$ is of size $M > N$, and therefore is $\rho/2$ -dense. Let $T_0 = 2\alpha^{-1} \ln(a_1 \rho / \varepsilon)$, and $x_0 = \psi^{-T_0} x$. For small enough ρ there exist $y_0 \in D_M^u(\psi^{T_1} y)$ and $z = \psi^t y_0$ with $|t| < \rho$ such that $z \in D_\rho^s(x_0)$. We also have $d(\psi^{T_0} z, \psi^{T_0} x_0) = d(\psi^{T_0} z, x) \leq a_1 \rho e^{-\alpha T_0} < \varepsilon$. Thus we obtained two points $x' = \psi^{T_0} z$ and $y' = \psi^{-T_1} y_0$ such that $d(x, x') < \varepsilon, d(y, y') < \varepsilon$, and $y' = \psi^T x'$. If $\varepsilon < \min(1/a_1 \rho, b_1/N, e^{-\rho}, \rho)$ then for some constant $C_1 > 0$ $T = T_0 + T_1 + d(y_0, z) < C_1 \ln \varepsilon^{-1}$.

For each point $x_0 \in X$ we define the following cylinder sets:

$$C_\rho(x_0) = \{x = (z, t) \mid z \in S_\rho(x_0), -\rho < t < \rho\}, \tag{3.1}$$

where $S_\rho(x_0)$ is a 2-dimensional smooth local cross-section transversal to the flow $\{\psi^t\}$ passing through x_0 , and $x = \psi^t z$. To complete the proof of the theorem we choose a cover of X by a finite number of cylinders $C_\rho(x_i), i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$. Let us choose a smooth coordinate system in each local cross-section $S_\rho(x_i)$. Then it makes sense to talk about square lattices in $S_\rho(x_i)$ relative to this coordinate system.

Definition. We call a set of points in $S_\rho(x_i)$ ε -regular if it is an ε^2 -perturbation of some square lattice in $S_\rho(x_i)$ of size $\varepsilon/2$.

For each $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$ we choose an ε -regular set $E_i \subset S_\rho(x_i)$, and let $\Lambda_i = \{x \in C_\rho(x_i) \mid z \in E_i\}$. The number of pieces in $\bigcup_{i=0}^N \Lambda_i$ is C_2/ε^2 . We can ‘ ε^2 -join’ them together using the estimate in the beginning of the proof. An application of the Bowen specification theorem [2] gives us a desired ε -dense piece of orbit of length $C \ln \varepsilon^{-1} / \varepsilon^2$ which we denote by \mathcal{O} . \square

Remark. By the Bowen specification theorem [2] for each $i = 0, 1, \dots, N, \mathcal{O}$ contains a subset $\bar{\Lambda}_i$ consisting of a number of pieces approximating pieces of orbits constituting Λ_i . Let $\mathcal{S} = \bigcup_{i=0}^N \bar{\Lambda}_i$. Notice that $\mathcal{S} \cap S_\rho(x_i)$ is also an ε -regular set for each $i = 0, \dots, N$.

4. The proof of Theorem 1.1

Definition. Let r be the injectivity radius of X . We say that a function F defined on \mathcal{E} , a subset of X , is of class $C_K^{1+\lambda} (0 < \lambda < 1, K > 0)$ if there exists a family of linear functions $l_x(v)$ for $x \in X, v \in T_x X$ such that for any $x, y \in \mathcal{E}, d(x, y) < r$,

$$|F(y) - F(x) - l_x(v_{xy})| \leq K d(x, y)^{1+\lambda},$$

where $v_{xy} \in T_x X$ is a tangent vector to the geodesic from x to y (on X) of length $d(x, y)$.

LEMMA 4.1. *Let \mathcal{O} be a piece of orbit of the flow $\{\psi^t\}$ of length T , and $f \in C^2(X)$ is such that $\|f\|_{C^2} = 1$ and $\int_{[o]} f dt = 0$ for all periodic orbits $[o]$ of $\{\psi^t\}$ of length $\leq T$. We define the following function on \mathcal{O} : for $x = \psi^t x_0, 0 \leq t \leq T$*

$$F(x) = \int_0^t f(\psi^s x_0) ds. \tag{4.1}$$

Then for any $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < \alpha/\delta$ there exists $K_0(\lambda)$ such that $F(x)$ is of class $C^{1+\lambda}_{K_0(\lambda)}$ on \mathcal{O} .

Proof. We shall show that the role of the linear function l_x is played by the differential form ω_f introduced in § 2. For $j = s, u$ we define $\sigma^{0j}(x) = \{y = \psi^t z, -\infty < t < \infty, \text{ for some } z \in \sigma^j(x)\}$; they are called leaves of the *weak stable* (for $j = s$) and the *weak unstable* (for $j = u$) foliations. Let d^{0j} denote the distance on σ^{0j}, ρ be as in § 3, and $D_\rho^{0j}(x) = \{y \in \sigma^{0j}(x) \mid d^{0j}(x, y) < \rho\}$. Suppose $x_0 = x, y_0 = y \in \mathcal{O}, y_0 = \psi^{T_0} x_0, T_0 \leq T, d(x_0, y_0) = d < r$. Let $z_0 = z = D_\rho^s(x_0) \cap D_\rho^u(y_0)$, and $y_{00} = \psi^{T_0} x_0, |T_0 - T| < d, y_{00} \in D_\rho^u(z_0)$. We denote the arc of $\sigma^s(x)$ between x and z by $\sigma^s(x, z)$, the arc of $\sigma^u(y_{00})$ between y_{00} and z by $\sigma^u(y_{00}, z)$, and the piece of orbit \mathcal{O} between y and y_{00} by $\mathcal{O}(y, y_{00})$. Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\sigma^s(x,z)} \omega_f &= \int_0^\infty (f(\psi^t x) - f(\psi^t z)) dt, \\ \int_{\sigma^u(y_{00},z)} \omega_f &= \int_0^{-\infty} (f(\psi^t y_{00}) - f(\psi^t z)) dt, \\ \int_{\mathcal{O}(y,y_{00})} \omega_f &= \int_0^{T_0-T} f(\psi^t y) dt. \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

The fact that ω_f satisfies a Hölder condition of order λ (Theorem 2.1) and (4.2) imply that Lemma 4.1 follows from the following statement: given $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < \alpha/\delta$, there exists a constant $K(\lambda)$ such that for any $x, y \in \mathcal{O}, y = \psi^{T_0} x, T_0 \leq T, d(x, y) = d < r$ with the property that $D_\rho^s(x_0) \cap D_\rho^u(y_0) \neq \emptyset$, there exists a constant $K(\lambda)$ such that for $D_\rho^s(x_0) \cap D_\rho^u(y_0) = z$

$$\left| (F(y) - F(x)) - \left(\int_0^\infty (f(\psi^t x) - f(\psi^t z)) dt + \int_0^{-\infty} (f(\psi^t z) - f(\psi^t y)) dt \right) \right| \leq K(\lambda) d(x, y)^{1+\lambda}.$$

We notice that it is sufficient to prove the above statement for sufficiently small d . Without loss of generality we may assume that $x = x_0$ and therefore $F(x) = 0$. We construct five sequences of points $\{x_j\}, \{y_j\}, \{y_{jj}\}, \{z_j\}$ and $\{u_j\}$, and a sequence of numbers $\{T_j\} (j = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$ inductively as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 = x, \quad y_0 = y_{00} = y = \psi^{T_0} x_0, \quad z_0 = z = D_\rho^s(x_0) \cap D_\rho^u(y_0), \\ y_{00} \in D_\rho^u(z_0), \quad u_0 \in D_\rho^u(x_0), \quad \psi^{T_0} u_0 = z_0, \\ x_j = D_\rho^s(u_{j-1}) \cap D_\rho^{0,u}(y_{j-1, j-1}) = D_\rho^{0,u}(z_{j-1}), \quad y_j = \psi^{T_{j-1}} x_j, \\ z_j = D_\rho^s(x_j) \cap D_\rho^{0,u}(y_j), \quad y_{jj} = \psi^{T_j} x_j, \\ y_{jj} \in D_\rho^u(z_j), \quad u_j \in D_\rho^u(x_j), \quad \psi^{T_j} u_j = z_j \end{aligned} \tag{4.3}$$

Let $x \in X$, $S_\rho(x)$ be as in § 3, and $\varphi : S_\rho(x) \rightarrow S_\rho(x)$ be a return map for the flow $\{\psi^t\}$. For any $y \in S_\rho(x)$ we let $P_\rho^j(y) = \sigma^{0,j}(y) \cap S_\rho(x)$ for $j = s, u$. The local foliations P_ρ^j are stable and unstable foliations for the return map φ . They inherit the smoothness of the weak foliations $\sigma^{0,j}$ which is not less than the smoothness of foliations σ^j . Let l^j be the distance on the leaves of the local foliation P_ρ^j ($j = s, u$). We assume that ρ is chosen such that there exists a constant $C_1 > 1$ such that for any $x, y \in P_\rho^j$

$$C_1^{-1} < \frac{l^j(x, y)}{d(x, y)} < C_1.$$

Thus it follows from (F4) that there exists a constant $C_2 > 1$ such that for any 'quadrangle' $[x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]$ such that

$$x_2 \in P_\rho^u(x_1), x_3 \in P_\rho^s(x_2), x_4 \in P_\rho^u(x_3), x_1 \in P_\rho^s(x_4), \tag{4.4}$$

the following inequalities hold:

$$C_2^{-1} \leq \frac{d(x_1, x_2)}{d(x_4, x_3)} \leq C_2, \quad C_2^{-1} \leq \frac{d(x_2, x_3)}{d(x_1, x_4)} \leq C_2. \tag{4.5}$$

Let $\pi : C_\rho(x_0) \rightarrow S_\rho(x_0)$ be defined by the formula $\pi(z, t) = z$, and $S_j = T_0 + \dots + T_{j-1}$. By properties (1.1) and (1.2), for some constants $C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6 > 0$, and $j = 0, 1, \dots$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} C_3 e^{-\delta S_j} d &\leq d(\pi x_j, \pi y_{jj}) \leq C_4 e^{-\alpha S_j} d, \\ d(\pi x_j, x_0) &< C_5 d, \quad d(\pi y_j, x_0) < C_5, \\ |T_j - T_0| &\leq C_6 d. \end{aligned} \tag{4.6}$$

Therefore the sequences $\{\pi x_j\}, \{\pi y_j\}, \{\pi y_{jj}\}, \{\pi z_j\}$ and $\{\pi u_j\}$ converge in $S_\rho(x_0)$ to a fixed point of the continuous map $\varphi : S_\rho(x) \rightarrow S_\rho(x)$. The orbit of the flow $\{\psi^t\}$ passing through this point is a periodic orbit. This completes a well-known proof of the Anosov closing lemma. For our purposes, however, we have to look closely at the rate of convergence of this process. Let k be an integer, $k \geq 1$ (it will be chosen later, in (4.7)). We have

$$\begin{aligned} F(y) &= \int_0^{T_0} f(\psi^t x) dt = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \left(\int_0^{T_0} (f(\psi^t x_j) - f(\psi^t z_j)) dt + \int_0^{T_0} (f(\psi^t z_j) - f(\psi^t x_{j+1})) dt \right) \\ &\quad + \int_0^{T_0} f(\psi^t x_k) dt. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\int_0^\infty (f(\psi^t x) - f(\psi^t z)) dt = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \int_{S_j}^{S_{j+1}} (f(\psi^t x) - f(\psi^t z)) dt + \int_{S_k}^\infty (f(\psi^t x) - f(\psi^t z)) dt,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^\infty (f(\psi^t z) - f(\psi^t y)) dt \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \int_{-S_j}^{-S_{j+1}} (f(\psi^t z) - f(\psi^t y)) dt + \int_{-S_k}^\infty (f(\psi^t z) - f(\psi^t y)) dt. \end{aligned}$$

An easy calculation gives us the following estimate:

$$\left| F(y) - \left(\int_0^\infty (f(\psi^t x) - f(\psi^t z)) dt + \int_0^\infty (f(\psi^t z) - f(\psi^t y)) dt \right) \right| \leq \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2 + \Sigma_3 + \Sigma_4 + I_1 + I_2 + I_3,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_1 &= \left| \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \int_0^{T_j} (f(\psi^t x_j) - f(\psi^t z_j)) - (f(\psi^{S_j+t} x) - f(\psi^{S_j+t} z)) dt \right| \\ \Sigma_2 &= \left| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \int_0^{T_j} (f(\psi^t z_j) - f(\psi^t x_{j+1})) - (f(\psi^{t-S_{j+1}} y) - f(\psi^{t-S_{j+1}} z)) dt \right|, \\ \Sigma_3 &= \left| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \int_{T_0}^{T_j} (f(\psi^t x_j) - f(\psi^t z_j)) dt \right|, \quad \Sigma_4 = \left| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \int_{T_0}^{T_j} (f(\psi^t z_j) - f(\psi^t x_{j+1})) dt \right|, \\ I_1 &= \left| \int_0^{T_0} f(\psi^t x_k) dt \right|, \quad I_2 = \left| \int_{S_k}^\infty (f(\psi^t x) - f(\psi^t z)) dt \right|, \\ I_3 &= \left| \int_{-S_k}^\infty (f(\psi^t z) - f(\psi^t y)) dt \right|. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (4.3) that for $j \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi\psi^{S_j} x \in P_\rho^u(\pi x_j), \quad \pi\psi^{S_j} z \in P_\rho^u(\pi z_j), \quad \pi\psi^{S_j} y \in P_\rho^s(\pi\psi^{S_j} x), \quad \text{and} \\ \pi\psi^{-S_{j+1}} y \in P_\rho^s(\pi z_j), \quad \pi\psi^{-S_{j+1}} z \in P_\rho^s(\pi x_{j+1}), \quad \pi\psi^{-S_{j+1}} y \in P_\rho^u(\pi\psi^{-S_{j+1}} z). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the two ‘quadrangles’ $Q_1(t) = [\pi\psi^t x_j, \pi\psi^t z_j, \pi\psi^{S_j+t} x, \pi\psi^{S_j+t} z]$ and $Q_2(t) = [\pi\psi^t z_j, \pi\psi^t x_{j+1}, \pi\psi^{t-S_{j+1}} z, \pi\psi^{t-S_{j+1}} y]$ satisfy (4.4), and we obtain the following estimates for the lengths of their sides:

$$\begin{aligned} d(\pi\psi^t x_j, \pi\psi^{S_j+t} x) &\leq C_7 d(\pi\psi^{T_j} x_j, \pi\psi^{S_j} \psi^{T_j} x) \leq C_8 e^{\delta S_j} d \leq C_8 e^{\delta S_{k-1}} e, \\ d(\pi\psi^t x_j, \pi\psi^t z_j) &\leq C_9 d(\pi x_j, \pi z_j) \leq C_{10} e^{-\alpha S_j} d, \\ d(\pi\psi^t z_j, \pi\psi^{t-S_{j+1}} y) &\leq C_{11} d(\pi z_j, \pi\psi^{-S_{j+1}} y) \leq C_{12} e^{\delta S_j} d \leq C_{12} e^{\delta S_{k-1}} d, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$d(\pi\psi^t z_j, \pi\psi^t x_{j+1}) \leq C_{13} d(\pi\psi^{T_j} z_j, \pi\psi^{T_j} x_{j+1}) \leq C_{14} d(\varphi \pi z_j, \varphi \pi x_{j+1}) \leq C_{15} e^{-\alpha S_j} d.$$

If d is sufficiently small, we can choose $k \geq 1$ satisfying the following inequalities

$$(\max C_{12}, C_8)^{-1} \rho e^{-\delta S_k} \leq d < e^{-\delta S_{k-1}} \rho (\max C_{12}, C_8)^{-1}, \tag{4.7}$$

it will follow that $Q_1(t), Q_2(t) \subset S_\rho(x)$, and therefore (4.5) applies. We have $e^{S_{k-1}} \leq C_{16} d^{-1/\delta}$, $S_{k-1} \leq C_{17} \ln d^{-1}$. Thus, for some point $\theta(t) \in Q_1(t)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \int_0^{T_j} (f(\pi\psi^t x_j) - f(\pi\psi^t z_j)) - (f(\pi\psi^{S_j+t} x) - f(\pi\psi^{S_j+t} z)) dt \right| \\ &\leq C_{18} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \left| \int_0^{T_j} \mathcal{D}_u \mathcal{D}_s(f(\theta(t))) \cdot d(\pi\psi^t x_j, \pi\psi^t z_j) \cdot d(\pi\psi^t x_j, \pi\psi^{S_j+t} x) dt \right| \\ &\leq C_{19} (k-1) T d^2 e^{S_{k-1}(\delta-\alpha)} \leq C_{20} d^{\alpha/\delta} d \cdot \ln d^{-1} \leq C_{21}(\lambda) d^{1+\lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

and therefore $\Sigma_1 \leq C_{22}(\lambda)d^{1+\lambda}$ for any $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < \alpha/\delta$. Similarly we obtain the estimate $\Sigma_2 \leq C_{23}(\lambda)d^{1+\lambda}$ for any $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < \alpha/\delta$.

In order to estimate I_1 we let

$$\mathcal{O}(x_k) = \{x \in X, x = \psi^t x_k, 0 \leq t \leq T_0\}.$$

By the Anosov closing lemma, using the fact that $d(x_k, \psi^{T_k} x_k) = d(x_k, y_{kk}) \leq C_1 e^{-\alpha S_k} d$, and that the integral of $f(x)$ over any closed orbit of length $\leq T$ is equal to zero, we obtain the following estimate:

$$I_1 = \left| \int_0^{T_0} f(\psi^t x_k) dt \right| \leq C_{24} e^{-\alpha S_k} \cdot d \leq C_{25} d^{1+(\alpha/\delta)}.$$

The last inequality follows from (4.7). Following the previous argument we conclude that

$$I_2 = \left| \int_{S_k}^{\infty} (f(\psi^t x) - f(\psi^t z)) dt \right| \leq C_{26} \int_{S_k}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha t} dt \cdot d = \frac{C_{27}}{\alpha} e^{-\alpha S_k} \cdot d \leq C_{28} d^{1+(\alpha/\delta)}.$$

Similarly,

$$I_3 = \left| \int_{-S_k}^{-\infty} (f(\psi^t z) - f(\psi^t y)) dt \right| \leq C_{29} \left| \int_{-S_k}^{-\infty} e^{\delta t} dt \right| = \frac{C_{30}}{\delta} e^{-\delta S_k} \cdot d \leq C_{31} d^2.$$

Using (4.6) we obtain the following estimates for Σ_3 and Σ_4 :

$$\Sigma_3 = \left| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \int_{T_0}^{T_j} (f(\psi^t x_j) - f(\psi^t z_j)) dt \right| \leq C_{32} d \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} d(\pi\psi^{T_j} x_j, \pi\psi^{T_j} z_j) \leq C_{33} d^2,$$

$$\Sigma_4 = \left| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \int_T^{T_j} (f(\psi^t z_j) - f(\psi^t x_{j+1})) dt \right| \leq C_{34} d^2.$$

This concludes the proof of Lemma 4.1. □

COROLLARY. $F(x)$ is of class $C_{K_0(\lambda)}^{1+\lambda}$ on the set \mathcal{S} (cf., Remark in § 3), for any $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < \alpha/\delta$.

LEMMA 4.2. For any $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < \alpha/\delta$ there exist constants $K_1(\lambda), K_2(\lambda), K_3(\lambda)$ such that the function $F(x)$ can be extended from \mathcal{S} to X as a function of class $C_{K_1(\lambda)}^{1+\lambda}$ in such a way that $\mathcal{D}F(x) \in C_{K_2(\lambda)}^{1+\lambda}(X)$, and for $h(x) = \mathcal{D}F(x) - f(x)$ we have $\|h(x)\|_{C^1} \leq K_3(\lambda)\varepsilon^\lambda$.

Proof. First, we show how to extend $F(x)$ from $\mathcal{S} \cap S_\rho(x_0)$ to $S_\rho(x_0)$ as a function of class $C_{K_1(\lambda)}^{1+\lambda}$. $\mathcal{S} \cap S_\rho(x_0)$ is a discrete ε -regular set. It is sufficient to extend $F(x)$ to a ‘generating’ quadrangle of $\mathcal{S} \cap S_\rho(x_0)$ which is a ε^2 -perturbation of a square. We denote its vertices by A, B, C and D , and the directions \vec{AB} and \vec{AD} by x and y respectively. We may assume that F is a real-valued function since the following argument is valid for $\text{Re } F$ and $\text{Im } F$. We extend $F(x)$ to the interval $[A, B]$ knowing $F(A), F(B)$ and $F'_x(A) = l_A(v_{AB}) = a_A, F'_x(B) = -l_B(v_{BA}) = a_B$. There exist $t_{AB} \in [A, B]$ and $k_{AB} \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$F'_x(w) = \begin{cases} k_{AB}d(w, A) + a_A, & w \in [A, t_{AB}] \\ -k_{AB}d(w, A) + k_{AB}d(A, B) + a_B, & w \in [t_{AB}, B], \end{cases} \tag{4.8}$$

and $\int_A^B F'_x(w) dw = F(B) - F(A)$. $F(x)$ is of class $C^{1+\lambda}_{K_0(\lambda)}$. It follows from (4.8) that k_{AB} satisfies the following quadratic equation

$$d(A, B)^2 k_{AB}^2 - 2[2(F(B) - F(A)) - d(A, B)(a_A + a_B)]k_{AB} - (a_A - a_B)^2 = 0. \tag{4.9}$$

A direct calculation shows that

$$|k_{AB}| \leq 4K_0(\lambda)d(A, B)^{\lambda-1},$$

Then for $w, w' \in [A, B]$

$$|F'_x(w) - F'_x(w')| \leq |k_{AB}|d(w, w') \leq 4K_0(\lambda)d(w, w')^\lambda.$$

We define $F'_y(w)$ linearly for $w \in [A, B]$:

$$F'_y(w) = \frac{F'_y(A)d(w, B) + F'_y(B)d(A, w)}{d(A, B)}. \tag{4.10}$$

Then $|F'_y(w) - F'_y(w')| \leq K_0(\lambda)d(w, w')^\lambda$. Thus $F(x)$ is extended to $[AB]$, and analogously to $[BC]$, $[CD]$ and $[DA]$, as a $C^{1+\lambda}_{4K_0(\lambda)}$ -function. We parametrize each interval $[AB]$ and $[CD]$ by its normalized length σ . Then we connect points having the same parameter by an interval of a geodesic, obtaining a family of coordinate curves, and extend $F(x)$ to each interval by the formulas (4.8) and (4.10) as a $C^{1+\lambda}_{C_1(\lambda)}$ -function for some $C_1(\lambda) > 0$. Thus we obtain a function inside the quadrangle $ABCD$. In order to prove that thus defined function is of class $C^{1+\lambda}_{K_1(\lambda)}$ inside $ABCD$, we construct a family of curves connecting intervals $[BC]$ and $[DA]$ as follows. For $\sigma \in [0, 1]$, let $z_\sigma \in [AB]$ and $w_\sigma \in [CD]$ be the points parametrized by σ , and $t_\sigma \in [z_\sigma, w_\sigma]$, $t_\sigma = t_{z_\sigma, w_\sigma}$ as in (4.8). We parametrize each interval $[z_\sigma, t_\sigma]$ and $[t_\sigma, w_\sigma]$ by its normalized length such that $\tau(z_\sigma) = 0$, $\tau(t_\sigma) = \frac{1}{2}$, $\tau(w_\sigma) = 1$, and $\tau = \text{const.}$ gives us the second family of coordinate curves. Let $P = (\sigma_1, \tau_1)$ and $Q = (\sigma_2, \tau_2)$, and $R = (\sigma_2, \tau_1)$. There exist $C_2(\lambda), C_3(\lambda), K_1(\lambda) > 0$ such that for $i = \sigma, \tau$

$$\begin{aligned} |F'_i(Q) - F'_i(P)| &\leq |F'_i(Q) - F'_i(R)| + |F'_i(R) - F'_i(P)| \\ &\leq C_2(\lambda)d(Q, R)^\lambda + C_3(\lambda)d(R, P)^\lambda \leq K_1(\lambda)d(P, Q)^\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

We use (4.8), (4.9) and (4.10) to obtain the second inequality. The last inequality follows from the regularity of the quadrangle $ABCD$ and the fact that the function d^λ is concave down for any $\lambda, 0 < \lambda \leq 1$.

Let us choose a finite cover of X by cylinders $C_\rho(x_i), i = 0, \dots, N$ introduced in § 3. We extend $F(x)$ by the formula

$$F(\psi^t x) = \int_0^t f(\psi^s x) ds + F(x), \quad -\rho < t < \rho$$

to a $C^{1+\lambda}_{K_1(\lambda)}$ -function on each $C_\rho(x_i)$. Thus for $i = 0, \dots, N$ we obtain a function $F_i(x)$ defined on $C_\rho(x_i)$ and such that $F_i(x) = F(x)$ for $x \in \bar{\Lambda}_i$. Let $\{\lambda_0(x), \dots, \lambda_N(x)\}, \sum_{i=0}^N \lambda_i(x) = 1$ be a C^∞ partition of unity corresponding to the cover $\{C_\rho(x_i)\}$, and $\bar{F}(x) = \sum_{i=0}^N \lambda_i(x)F_i(x)$. For

$$x \in \bigcap_{k=1}^M C_\rho(x_{i_k}), \quad \mathcal{D}\bar{F}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^M \mathcal{D}\lambda_{i_k}(x)F_{i_k}(x) + \lambda_{i_k}(x)\mathcal{D}F_{i_k}(x).$$

By construction, on each $C_\rho(x_{i_k})$ we have $\mathcal{D}F_{i_k}(x) = f(x)$ and $\lambda_i(x) = 0$ if $i \neq i_k$. Thus

$$\mathcal{D}\bar{F}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^M \mathcal{D}\lambda_{i_k}(x)F_{i_k}(x) + f(x),$$

and therefore $\mathcal{D}\bar{F}(x)$ is of class $C^{1+\lambda}_{K_2(\lambda)}$ for some $K_2(\lambda) > 0$.

Now we estimate the C^1 -norm of $h(x) = \mathcal{D}\bar{F}(x) - f(x)$. Let $x \in \bigcap_{k=1}^M C_\rho(x_{i_k})$. If $M = 1$, $\bar{F}(x) = F_{i_1}(x)$, hence $\mathcal{D}\bar{F}(x) = f(x)$ and $h(x) = 0$ in some neighborhood of the point x . Therefore, in the open set $X \setminus \bigcup_{j \neq i_1} C_\rho(x_j)$ $\|h(x)\|_{C^1} = 0$. Suppose $M > 1$. We notice that $\sum_{k=1}^M \mathcal{D}\lambda_{i_k}(x) = 0$, and therefore $h(x) = \sum_{k=2}^M \mathcal{D}\lambda_{i_k}(x)(F_{i_k}(x) - F_{i_1}(x))$. Since the functions λ_{i_k} are of class C^∞ , we have in $\bigcap_{k=1}^M C_\rho(x_{i_k})$

$$\|h(x)\|_{C^1} \leq C_4 \sum_{k=2}^M \|F_{i_k}(x) - F_{i_1}(x)\|_{C^1}.$$

There exists a constant $C_5 > 0$ and two points $y \in \bar{\Lambda}_{i_k}$, $z \in \bar{\Lambda}_{i_1}$ such that $d(x, y) \leq \varepsilon$, $d(x, z) \leq \varepsilon$, $d(y, z) \leq C_5\varepsilon$. In the following estimate we use that the functions $F_{i_k}(x)$, $F_{i_1}(x)$ and $F(x)$ are of class C^1 , and that $F_{i_k}(y) = F(y)$, $F_{i_1}(z) = F(z)$.

$$\begin{aligned} |F_{i_k}(x) - F_{i_1}(x)| &\leq |F_{i_k}(x) - F_{i_k}(y)| + |F_{i_1}(z) - F_{i_1}(x)| + |F_{i_k}(y) - F_{i_1}(z)| \\ &= |F_{i_k}(x) - F_{i_k}(y)| + |F_{i_1}(z) - F_{i_1}(x)| + |F(y) - F(z)| \leq C_6\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

For $j = 0, s, u$ the functions $\mathcal{D}_j F_{i_k}(x)$ and $\mathcal{D}_j F_{i_1}(x)$ satisfy a Hölder condition of order λ and a constant $K_1(\lambda)$ for any $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < 1$. By construction (Lemma 4.1) we have $\mathcal{D}_j F_{i_k}(y) = k^j(y)$, $\mathcal{D}_j F_{i_1}(z) = k^j(z)$ (see notations of § 2), and using Theorem 2.1 we obtain the following estimate:

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{D}_j F_{i_k}(x) - \mathcal{D}_j F_{i_1}(x)| &\leq |\mathcal{D}_j F_{i_k}(x) - \mathcal{D}_j F_{i_k}(y)| \\ &\quad + |\mathcal{D}_j F_{i_1}(z) - \mathcal{D}_j F_{i_1}(x)| + |\mathcal{D}_j F_{i_k}(y) - \mathcal{D}_j F_{i_1}(z)| \\ &\leq C_7(\lambda)\varepsilon^\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for some constant $K_3(\lambda)$ we have $\|h(x)\|_{C^1} \leq K_3(\lambda)\varepsilon^\lambda$, and the lemma follows. □

Now we can finish the proof of Theorem 1.1. For any $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < 1$ there exists a constant $C_8(\lambda) > 0$ such that for any $\varepsilon > 0$ $\ln \varepsilon^{-1} \leq C_8(\lambda)\varepsilon^{\lambda-1}$. Given $T > 0$, let

$$\varepsilon = C^{1/(3-\lambda)} C_8(\lambda)^{1/(3-\lambda)} T^{-1/(3-\lambda)},$$

where C is from Theorem 3.1. We apply Theorem 3.1 to construct an ε -dense piece of orbit \mathcal{O} of length $C \ln \varepsilon^{-1}/\varepsilon^2 \leq T$. Defining the function $F(x)$ on \mathcal{O} by formula (4.1) and applying Lemmas 4.1 and 4.2 we obtain a function $h(x)$ with the following estimate on its C^1 -norm:

$$\|h\|_{C^1} \leq K_2(\lambda)\varepsilon^\lambda \leq K_2(\lambda)C^{\lambda/(3-\lambda)} C_8(\lambda)^{\lambda/(3-\lambda)} T^{-\lambda/(3-\lambda)} = C(\lambda)T^{-\lambda/(3-\lambda)}. \quad \square$$

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