

# Characterisation of quasi-Anosov diffeomorphisms

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Let  $f$  be a  $C^1$  diffeomorphism of a compact  $C^\infty$  boundary-less manifold, and let  $f^\#$  be the operator on the bounded or continuous sections of the tangent bundle (with supremum norm) defined by  $f^\# \eta = Tf \circ \eta \circ f^{-1}$ . The main result of this paper is that  $f$  is quasi-Anosov if and only if  $1 - f^\#$  is injective and has closed range.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $M$  be a compact  $C^\infty$  manifold without boundary, and let  $\text{diff}^1(M)$  denote the  $C^1$  diffeomorphisms of  $M$  with the  $C^1$  topology. Write  $TM$  for the tangent bundle of  $M$ , and for  $f \in \text{diff}^1(M)$  let  $Tf : TM \rightarrow TM$  denote the tangent map of  $f$ . Fix a riemannian metric on  $M$ , and let  $\|\cdot\|$  be the associated Finsler norm on  $TM$ . Let  $\Gamma^b(TM)$  ( $\Gamma^0(TM)$ ) denote the Banach space of bounded (continuous) sections of  $TM$ , with supremum norm. Define  $f^\# : \Gamma^i(TM) \rightarrow \Gamma^i(TM)$ ,  $i = b, 0$ , by: for every  $\eta \in \Gamma^i(TM)$  and every  $x \in M$ ,  $(f^\# \eta)(x) = Tf \circ \eta(f^{-1}x)$ .  $f^\#$  is a bounded linear operator (on either space).

In [11], Mather showed that  $f$  is Anosov if and only if  $(1 - f^\#) : \Gamma^0(TM) \rightarrow \Gamma^0(TM)$  is an isomorphism. It is also known that  $f$

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satisfies Axiom A and the strong transversality condition if (Mañé, [9]) and only if (Robbin, [12])  $(1-f^\#) : \Gamma^0(TM) \rightarrow \Gamma^0(TM)$  is surjective. In this paper we prove that there is an analogous result for quasi-Anosov diffeomorphisms.

**DEFINITION.** We say that  $f \in \text{diff}^1(M)$  is *quasi-Anosov* if and only if, for every  $x \in M$ , and every non-zero  $v \in T_x M$ ,  $\{\|Tf^n v\| : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is unbounded.

**THEOREM.** Let  $f \in \text{diff}^1(M)$ . The following are equivalent:

- (a)  $f$  is quasi-Anosov;
- (b)  $(1-f^\#) : \Gamma^b(TM) \rightarrow \Gamma^b(TM)$  is injective and has closed range;
- (c)  $(1-f^\#) : \Gamma^0(TM) \rightarrow \Gamma^0(TM)$  is injective and has closed range.

This is the characterisation that should have appeared in [8]. There Mañé states that the following are equivalent:

- (a')  $f$  is quasi-Anosov;
- (b')  $(1-f^\#) : \Gamma^b(TM) \rightarrow \Gamma^b(TM)$  is injective;
- (c')  $(1-f^\#) : \Gamma^0(TM) \rightarrow \Gamma^0(TM)$  has closed range.

In Section 5 below we give an example of a diffeomorphism  $f$  on  $T^2$  which is not quasi-Anosov and for which  $(1-f^\#) : \Gamma^b(TM) \rightarrow \Gamma^b(TM)$  is injective. If  $g$  is the north pole - south pole diffeomorphism of  $S^2$  (see [12]), then  $g$  satisfies Axiom A and strong transversality, and by Robbin's result  $(1-g^\#) : \Gamma^0(TM) \rightarrow \Gamma^0(TM)$  has closed range. But the north pole - south pole diffeomorphism is not quasi-Anosov.

The name quasi-Anosov was introduced by Mañé [7] in relation to a question of Hirsch regarding invariant hyperbolic submanifolds. Mañé has established another characterisation of quasi-Anosov diffeomorphisms in [10]. Franks and Robinson [5] have given an example of a quasi-Anosov diffeomorphism that is not Anosov (and resolves Hirsch's question).

Relationships between  $f$  and  $(1-f^\#)$  have appeared in the work of several

other authors; see [3], [4], [6], [13].

2. Proof that (a) implies (b)

Let  $f$  be quasi-Anosov. For every non-zero  $v \in TM$  there exists  $n(v) \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\|Tf^{n(v)}v\| > 2$ . By continuity, there is an open neighbourhood  $V$  of  $v$  in  $TM$  such that  $\|Tf^{n(v)}w\| > 2$  for every  $w \in V$ . Let  $S = \{v \in TM : \frac{1}{2} \leq \|v\| \leq 1\}$ . By compactness of  $S$  there exists  $N \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  with the following property: for every  $v \in S$  there exists  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $|n| \leq N$  such that

$$(1) \quad \|Tf^n v\| > 2.$$

Let  $\eta \in \Gamma^b(TM)$  with  $\|\eta\| = 1$ , and let  $\zeta = (1-f^\#)\eta$ . Then, for all  $x \in M$ ,

$$\eta(fx) = Tf\eta(x) + \zeta(fx)$$

and

$$\eta(f^{-1}x) = Tf^{-1}\eta(x) - Tf^{-1}\zeta(x).$$

Using these repeatedly gives that, for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ ,

$$(2) \quad \eta(f^n x) = \begin{cases} Tf^n \eta(x) + \sum_{k=1}^n Tf^{k-1} \zeta(f^{n-k+1} x) & \text{if } n \geq 1, \\ Tf^n \eta(x) - \sum_{k=1}^{-n} Tf^{-k} \zeta(f^{n+k} x) & \text{if } n \leq -1. \end{cases}$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and such that

$$(3) \quad \sup\{\|Tf^n v\| : |n| \leq N, v \in TM, \|v\| < \epsilon\} < 1/N.$$

Suppose  $\|\zeta\| < \epsilon$ . Let  $x$  be a point of  $M$  such that  $\|\eta(x)\| > \frac{1}{2}$ . Then by (1), (2), and (3) there exists  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $|n| \leq N$ , such that

$$\|\eta(f^n x)\| > 2 - N \cdot (1/N) = 1,$$

contradicting  $\|\eta\| = 1$ . Hence  $\|(1-f^\#)\eta\| \geq \epsilon$ . This means that

$(1-f^\#) : \Gamma^b(TM) \rightarrow \Gamma^b(TM)$  is injective and has closed range (see [1] for example).

3. Proof that (b) implies (c)

If (b) is true, then there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that every  $\eta \in \Gamma^b(TM)$  with  $\|\eta\| = 1$  satisfies  $\|(1-f^\#)\eta\| \geq \epsilon$  (see [1]). Since  $\Gamma^0(TM) \subset \Gamma^b(TM)$ , every  $\eta \in \Gamma^0(TM)$  with  $\|\eta\| = 1$  satisfies  $\|(1-f^\#)\eta\| \geq \epsilon$ , so (c) is true.

4. Proof that (c) implies (a)

Let  $f$  satisfy (c). Then there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that every  $\eta \in \Gamma^0(TM)$  with  $\|\eta\| = 1$  satisfies  $\|(1-f^\#)\eta\| \geq \epsilon$ .

We first show that this implies that the nonperiodic points are dense in  $M$ . The argument is due to Mather [11]. Let  $P_n$  denote the closed set of points of  $M$  of period  $n$ . We will show that, for each positive integer  $n$ ,  $P_n$  has no interior point. It then follows that  $\cup P_n$  is nowhere dense, by Baire's theorem.

Suppose for some  $n$  that  $P_n$  does contain an interior point. Let  $n$  be the least such integer. Then  $\cup_{k < n} P_k$  is nowhere dense and  $(\text{int } P_n) \setminus \cup_{k < n} P_k \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $x_0 \in (\text{int } P_n) \setminus \cup_{k < n} P_k$ . Then there is a neighbourhood  $U$  of  $x_0$  such that  $U \subset P_n$  and  $f^k(U) \cap U = \emptyset$  for  $1 \leq k \leq n-1$ . Let  $\zeta_0 \in \Gamma^0(TM)$ , have support in  $U$ , and satisfy  $\zeta_0(x_0) \neq 0$ . Let  $\zeta = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f^{\#k} \zeta_0$ . Then  $\zeta(x_0) = \zeta_0(x_0)$ , so  $\zeta \neq 0$ ; and  $f^\# \zeta = \zeta$ . This contradicts the fact that  $(1-f^\#) : \Gamma^0(TM) \rightarrow \Gamma^0(TM)$  is injective.

Now assume that  $f$  is not quasi-Anosov. We will show that this implies that there exists  $\eta_2 \in \Gamma^b(TM)$  with finite support,  $\|\eta_2\| = 1$ , and  $\|(1-f^\#)\eta_2\| < \epsilon/2$ . Then we will smooth  $\eta_2$  to obtain  $\eta \in \Gamma^0(TM)$  with  $\|\eta\| = 1$  and  $\|(1-f^\#)\eta\| < \epsilon$ , which is impossible.

If  $f$  is not quasi-Anosov, there exists  $x_1 \in M$  and non-zero  $v \in T_{x_1}M$  such that  $\{\|Tf^n v\| : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is bounded. We may suppose that  $\sup\{\|Tf^n v\| : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = 1$ . By replacing  $v$  by  $Tf^k v$  if necessary, we may suppose that  $\|v\| > \frac{1}{2}$ .

Let  $\epsilon_1$  satisfy  $0 < \epsilon_1 < \min(1, \epsilon/8)$ . Let  $n_1 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  be such that  $(1-\epsilon_1)^{n_1} < \epsilon/8$ . Choose a non-periodic point  $x$  so close to  $x_1$  and  $w \in T_x M$  so close to  $v$  that  $\|w\| > \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\|Tf^n w\| < 2$  for  $|n| \leq 1 + n_1$ .

Define  $\eta_1 \in \Gamma^b(TM)$  by

$$\eta_1(y) = \begin{cases} (1-\epsilon_1)^{|n|} Tf^n w & \text{for } y = f^n x \text{ and } |n| \leq n_1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then  $\|\eta_1\| \geq \|\eta_1(x)\| = \|w\| > \frac{1}{2}$ . For  $-n_1 + 1 \leq n \leq n_1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|(1-f^\#)\eta_1(f^n x)\| &= \|(1-\epsilon_1)^{|n|} Tf^n w - (1-\epsilon_1)^{|n-1|} Tf^n w\| \\ &\leq \epsilon_1 \|Tf^n w\| \\ &< \epsilon/4. \end{aligned}$$

Further,

$$\|(1-f^\#)\eta_1(f^{-n_1} x)\| = \|(1-\epsilon_1)^{n_1} Tf^{-n_1} w\| < \epsilon/4,$$

$$\|(1-f^\#)\eta_1(f^{n_1+1} x)\| = \|(1-\epsilon_1)^{n_1} Tf^{n_1+1} w\| < \epsilon/4;$$

and for all other points  $y \in M$ ,  $\|(1-f^\#)\eta_1(y)\| = 0$ . Hence

$$\|(1-f^\#)\eta_1\| < \epsilon/4 < \frac{1}{2}\epsilon \|\eta_1\|.$$

Now let  $\eta_2 = \eta_1/\|\eta_1\|$ . Then  $\eta_2$  has the required properties.

We now smooth  $\eta_2$  to get  $\eta \in \Gamma^0(TM)$ . The riemannian metric determines a metric on  $M$  which we denote by  $d$ . Let

$$U_r = \{y \in M : d(x, y) < r\} .$$

Choose  $r > 0$  so small that the following conditions are satisfied:

the sets  $f^n(U_r)$ ,  $|n| \leq n_1 + 1$ , are pairwise disjoint;

for each  $n$  with  $|n| \leq n_1 + 1$ ,  $f^n(U_r)$  is contained in a normal neighbourhood of  $f^n(x)$ .

Let  $p, q \in M$  and  $v \in T_p M$ , let  $\tau_{pq} v \in T_q M$  denote the parallel translation of  $v$  along the geodesic joining  $p$  to  $q$ .

By making  $r$  smaller if necessary, we may ensure that the following condition is also satisfied:

for all  $n$  with  $-n_1 \leq n \leq n_1 + 1$ , all  $y \in U_r$  and all

$$v \in T_{f^{n-1}x} M,$$

$$\left\| \begin{matrix} (Tf) \\ f^{n-1}x \end{matrix} v - \tau_{f^n y, f^n x} \begin{matrix} (Tf) \\ f^n y \end{matrix} \tau_{f^{n-1}x, f^{n-1}y} v \right\| < \frac{1}{2} \epsilon \|v\| .$$

Let  $\phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $C^\infty$  with  $\phi(0) = 1$ ,  $0 \leq \phi(x) \leq 1$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , and with  $\text{supp}(\phi)$  contained in  $(-r, r)$ . Define  $\eta \in \Gamma^0(TM)$  by

$$\eta(f^n y) = \phi(d(x, y)) \cdot \tau_{f^n x, f^n y} \eta_2(f^n x) \text{ if } y \in U_r \text{ and } |n| \leq n_1 ,$$

$$\eta(y) = 0 \text{ if } y \notin \bigcup_{|n| \leq n_1} f^n(U_r) .$$

Then  $\|\eta\| = 1$ . If  $y \notin \bigcup_{n=-n_1}^{n_1+1} f^n(U_r)$ ,  $\|(1-f^\#)\eta(y)\| = 0$ . If

$y \in U_r$  and  $-n_1 \leq n \leq n_1 + 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \| (1-f^\#)\eta(f^n y) \| \\
 &= \left\| \eta(f^n y) - (Tf)_{f^{n-1}y} \eta(f^{n-1}y) \right\| \\
 &\leq \left\| \eta(f^n y) - \tau_{f^n x, f^n y}^{(Tf)} \eta(f^{n-1}y) \right\| \\
 &\quad + \left\| \tau_{f^n x, f^n y}^{(Tf)} \eta(f^{n-1}y) - (Tf)_{f^{n-1}x} \eta(f^{n-1}y) \right\| \\
 &= \left\| \phi(d(x, y)) \cdot \tau_{f^n x, f^n y} \eta_2(f^n x) - \tau_{f^n x, f^n y}^{(Tf)} \eta_2(f^{n-1}x) \right\| \\
 &\quad + \left\| \tau_{f^n x, f^n y}^{(Tf)} \eta_2(f^{n-1}x) - (Tf)_{f^{n-1}x} \eta_2(f^{n-1}x) \right\| \\
 &\hspace{20em} \cdot \tau_{f^{n-1}x, f^{n-1}y} \eta_2(f^{n-1}x) \\
 &= |\phi(d(x, y))| \left\| \eta_2(f^n x) - (Tf)_{f^{n-1}x} \eta_2(f^{n-1}x) \right\| \\
 &\quad + |\phi(d(x, y))| \left\| (Tf)_{f^{n-1}x} \eta_2(f^{n-1}x) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \tau_{f^n y, f^n x}^{(Tf)} \tau_{f^{n-1}y, f^{n-1}x} \eta_2(f^{n-1}x) \right\|
 \end{aligned}$$

since parallel translation preserves the norm. Therefore

$$\| (1-f^\#)\eta(f^n y) \| < \frac{1}{2}\epsilon + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon \left\| \eta_2(f^{n-1}x) \right\| \leq \epsilon .$$

So we have  $\eta \in \Gamma^0(TM)$  with  $\|\eta\| = 1$  and  $\|(1-f^\#)\eta\| < \epsilon$ , giving the contradiction.

### 5. Examples

Here we construct an example of a diffeomorphism  $f$  on the 2-torus  $M = T^2$  which is not quasi-Anosov and for which  $(1-f^\#) : \Gamma^i(TM) \rightarrow \Gamma^i(TM)$  is injective,  $i = 0, b$ .

Let  $g_0 : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be given by

$$g_0 = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} ,$$

and let  $g$  be the induced diffeomorphism of  $T^2 = \mathbb{R}^2/\mathbb{Z}^2$ . Let

$\pi : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^2$  be the covering map, and let  $p = \pi(0)$ . We will perturb  $g$  in a neighbourhood of  $p$  to give a diffeomorphism  $f$  of  $\mathbb{T}^2$  with the following properties:

- (i)  $f(p) = p$  ;
- (ii)  $T_p f$  equals minus the identity;
- (iii) for every  $q \in \mathbb{T}^2 \setminus \{p\}$  and for every non-zero  $v \in T_q M$ ,  $\{\|Tf^n v\| : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is unbounded.

By (i) and (ii), for every  $v \in T_p M$ ,  $\{\|Tf^n v\| : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is bounded; so  $f$  is not quasi-Anosov. Now suppose  $\eta \in \Gamma^b(TM)$  and  $(1-f^\#)\eta = 0$ . Then  $0 = (1-f^\#)\eta(p) = 2\eta(p)$  by (i) and (ii), so  $\eta(p) = 0$ ; and for any  $q \in M$ ,  $0 = (1-f^\#)\eta(q)$ , which gives  $\eta(f^n q) = Tf^n \eta(q)$  for any  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Hence  $\{\|Tf^n \eta(q)\| : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is bounded, and therefore  $\eta(q) = 0$  by (iii). Thus  $(1-f^\#)$  is injective on  $\Gamma^b(TM)$ , and so also on  $\Gamma^0(TM)$ .

We now set about constructing  $f$ . Let  $\theta : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be the rotation of coordinate axes that takes the  $x$ -axis ( $y$ -axis) into the contracting (expanding) eigenspace of  $g_0$ . Call these new axes the  $x_1$ - and  $y_1$ -axes. Let  $g_1$  represent  $g_0$  with respect to these new coordinates, that is,  $g_1 = \theta g_0 \theta^{-1}$ . Then  $g_1 = \text{diag}\{-\lambda^{-1}, -\lambda\}$ , where  $\lambda > 1$ . Let  $\pi_1 : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^2$  be the covering map with respect to the new coordinates, that is,  $\pi_1 = \pi \theta^{-1}$ . From now on we work with the new coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Let  $\phi_t$  be the flow of

$$(4) \quad \frac{dx_1}{dt} = -\mu x_1, \quad \frac{dy_1}{dt} = \mu y_1,$$

where  $\mu = \log \lambda$ . Then  $g_1 = -\phi_1$ . Let

$$B(0, k) = \left\{ (x_1, y_1) : \left( x_1^2 + y_1^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq k \right\}.$$



choose  $k_1 > 0$  ,  $k_2 > 0$  such that the following condition is satisfied:

- (A) for all  $t$  with  $|t| \leq 1$  ,  $\phi_t B(0, k_1) \subset \text{int } B(0, \frac{1}{2})$  , and  $\phi_t B(0, k_2) \subset \text{int } B(0, k_1)$  .

Let  $0 < k_4 < k_3 < k_2$  and let  $\rho : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be  $C^\infty$  with these properties:  $\rho(x) = 1$  for  $x \leq k_4$  ;  $\rho(x) = 0$  for  $x \geq k_3$  ;  $\rho'(x) \leq 0$

for all  $x$  . Let  $r = \left(x_1^2 + y_1^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$  . The differential equations

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{dx_1}{dt} &= -\mu x_1 \left\{ x_1^2 + y_1^2 \right\} \rho(r) - \mu x_1 (1 - \rho(r)) , \\ \frac{dy_1}{dt} &= \mu y_1 \left\{ x_1^2 + y_1^2 \right\} \rho(r) + \mu y_1 (1 - \rho(r)) , \end{aligned}$$

define a flow  $\psi_t$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  . The flow lines for both (4) and (5) are the curves  $x_1 y_1 = c$  ,  $c$  constant. Equations (4) and (5) are identical in  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus B(0, k_2)$  . Because of condition (A), we have:

- (B) in  $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus B(0, k_1)$  ,  $\psi_1 = \phi_1 (= -g_1)$  and  $\psi_{-1} = \phi_{-1} (= -g_1^{-1})$  .

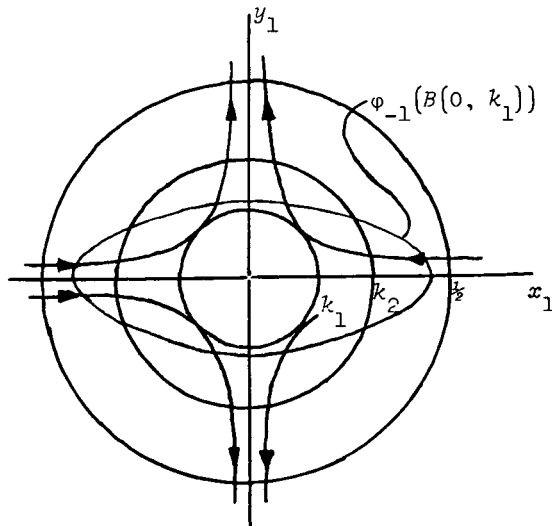


FIGURE 1

Note also that (A) ensures the following property:

- (C) suppose that  $(x_1, y_1) \in B(0, k_1)$  and that  $y_1 \neq 0$ . Then there exists  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $\psi_1^{n-1}(x_1, y_1) \in B(0, k_1)$ , and  $\psi_1^n(x_1, y_1) \in B(0, \frac{1}{2}) \setminus B(0, k_1)$ . By (B);  $\psi_1 \circ \psi_1^n(x_1, y_1) = -g_1 \circ \psi_1^n(x_1, y_1)$ .

There is a similar statement to (C) for  $\psi_{-1}$ .

Define  $f : T^2 \rightarrow T^2$  by

$$f(\pi_1(x_1, y_1)) = \pi_1 \circ \{-\psi_1\}(x_1, y_1) \quad \text{if } (x_1, y_1) \in B(0, \frac{1}{2}),$$

$$f(q) = g(q) \quad \text{if } q \notin \pi_1 \circ B(0, \frac{1}{2}).$$

Condition (B) shows that  $f$  is a diffeomorphism. Condition (C) is needed to give the following property for  $f$ , which we will use later:

- (D) let  $q \in T^2$ . Then either  $f^n(q) \rightarrow p$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , or there exists a sequence  $\{n_k\} \rightarrow \infty$  such that  $f \circ f^{n_k}(q) = g \circ f^{n_k}(q)$ .

There is a similar statement to (D) for  $f^{-1}$ .

We must establish conditions (i)-(iii) for  $f$ . Condition (i) is immediate. For (ii), use the local coordinates, given by  $\pi_1$ . In these coordinates,  $T_p f$  is given by  $-D\psi_1(0, 0)$ . From (5),  $D\psi_1(0, 0)$  is the identity.

It remains to establish (iii). The covering map  $\pi_1$  can be used to give a chart at any point of  $M = T^2$ . All charts used henceforth will be the charts given by  $\pi_1$ . Let  $q \in M \setminus \{p\}$ ,  $w \in T_q M \setminus \{0\}$ , and suppose  $w$  is represented by  $[u, v]$  in terms of the chart. We will show that if  $|v| \geq |u|$ , then  $\{\|(Tf)^n w\| : n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$  is unbounded. A similar argument yields that if  $|v| \leq |u|$ , then  $\{\|(Tf)^n w\| : n \in \mathbb{Z}^-\}$  is unbounded.

In local coordinates,  $Tf$  is represented either by  $-D\psi_1$  or by

$Dg_1$ . We examine  $D\psi_1$  first. Let  $F(x_1, y_1)$  be the right hand side of (5), and let  $[u_0, v_0]$  be a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . The vector  $D\psi_t(x_1, y_1)[u_0, v_0]$  satisfies the variational equation

$$(6) \quad \frac{d}{dt} D\psi_t(x_1, y_1)[u_0, v_0] = DF(\psi_t(x_1, y_1))D\psi_t(x_1, y_1)[u_0, v_0].$$

A short calculation yields

$$\begin{aligned} (-u, v)DF(x_1, y_1)[u, v] &= \mu \left[ (3u^2 + v^2)x_1^2 + 4uvx_1y_1 + (u^2 + 3v^2)y_1^2 \right] \rho(r) \\ &\quad + \mu(u^2 + v^2)[1 - \rho(r)] + \mu r^{-1} \rho'(r) (\mu x_1 + \nu y_1)^2 \left[ -1 + \frac{x_1^2 + y_1^2}{r^2} \right] \\ &\geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

with equality only when  $x_1 = y_1 = 0$  or  $u = v = 0$ . This means that, for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and any  $(x_1, y_1) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ , the vector field determined by (6) in the punctured  $(u, v)$ -plane ( $(0, 0)$  removed) is nowhere tangent to the family of hyperbolas  $v^2 - u^2 = c$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ , and is directed as shown in Figure 2.

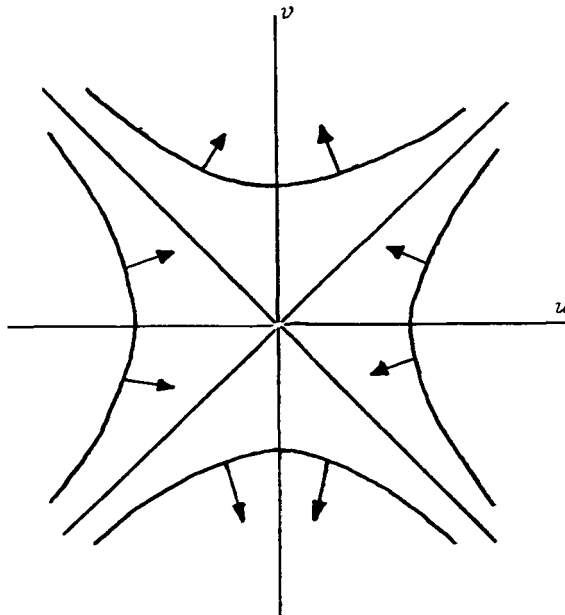


FIGURE 2

This yields the following property of  $D\psi_1$ .

(E) Suppose  $v_0^2 + u_0^2 > 0$  and  $v_0^2 - u_0^2 = c_0^2 \geq 0$ . Let

$$[-u_1, -v_1] = D\psi_1(x_1, y_1)[u_0, v_0], \text{ and let}$$

$$v_1^2 - u_1^2 = (-v_1)^2 - (-u_1)^2 = c_1^2. \text{ Then } c_1^2 > c_0^2.$$

The action of  $Dg_1$  is similar, and we get some additional information.

(F) Suppose  $v_0^2 + u_0^2 > 0$ , and  $v_0^2 - u_0^2 = c_0^2 \geq 0$ . Let

$$[u_1, v_1] = Dg_1[u_0, v_0] = [-\lambda^{-1}u_0, -\lambda v_0], \text{ and let}$$

$$v_1^2 - u_1^2 = c_1^2. \text{ Then } c_1^2 = (\lambda^2 - \lambda^{-2})u_0^2 + \lambda^2 c_0^2, \text{ so that}$$

$$c_1^2 \geq \lambda^2 c_0^2 \text{ (recall that } \lambda > 1 \text{)}. \text{ Equality holds only when}$$

$$u_0 = 0; \text{ but then } c_0 > 0, \text{ so always } c_1^2 > c_0^2.$$

Let  $q \in M\{p\}$ , and let  $w \in T_q M$  and be represented in the chart by  $[u_0, v_0]$  with  $|v_0| \geq |u_0|$ ; that is, with  $v_0^2 - u_0^2 = c_0^2$ . For  $n \geq 0$ , let  $Tf^n w$  be represented in the chart by  $[u_n, v_n]$ , and let  $v_n^2 - u_n^2 = c_n^2$ . By (E), (F), the sequence  $\{c_n^2\}_{n=0}^\infty$  is monotone increasing.

Suppose first that  $f^n(q)$  does not tend to  $p$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . By (D), there exists a sequence  $\{n_k\} \rightarrow \infty$  such that  $(Tf)^{n_k}(q) = (Tg)^{n_k}(q)$  for all  $k$ . Property (F) then gives that  $c_n^2 \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence  $v_n^2 \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , so that  $\{\|Tf^n w\| : n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$  is unbounded.

Now suppose that  $f^n(q) \rightarrow p$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then there exists  $n_1 \geq 0$  such that  $f^n(q)$  lies on  $\pi_1\{(x_1, 0) : |x_1| \leq k_4\}$  whenever  $n \geq n_1$ . Let  $(x_{n_1}, 0)$ ,  $|x_{n_1}| \leq k_4$ , be the point such that  $\pi_1(x_{n_1}, 0) = f^{n_1}(q)$ .

Inside  $B(0, k_1)$  equations (5) become

$$\frac{dx_1}{dt} = -\mu x_1^3, \quad \frac{dy_1}{dt} = \mu y_1^3.$$

Hence for  $t \geq 0$ ,  $\psi_t(x_{n_1}, 0) = \left\{ x_{n_1} \left( 1 + 2\mu x_{n_1}^2 t \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}, 0 \right\}$ . The variational equation for the derivative  $D\psi_t(x_{n_1}, 0)$  for  $t \geq 0$  becomes

$$(7) \quad \frac{d}{dt} D\psi_t(x_{n_1}, 0) = \begin{pmatrix} -3\mu x_{n_1}^2 \left( 1 + 2\mu x_{n_1}^2 t \right)^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \mu x_{n_1}^2 \left( 1 + 2\mu x_{n_1}^2 t \right)^{-1} \end{pmatrix} D\psi_t(x_{n_1}, 0).$$

Let  $|u'_t, v'_t| = D\psi_t(x_{n_1}, 0) [u_{n_1}, v_{n_1}]$ . From (7), for all  $t \geq 0$ ,

$$\log|v'_t| - \log|v_{n_1}| = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( 1 + 2\mu x_{n_1}^2 t \right) \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

Therefore  $|v'_t| \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Finally  $|v_n| = |v'_n|$  for all  $n \geq n_1$ ,

so in this case too, we have  $\{\|Tf^n w\| : n \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$  unbounded.

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