

Locally maximal homoclinic classes for generic diffeomorphisms

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1 **Abstract.** Let M be a closed smooth $d(\geq 2)$ dimensional Riemannian
2 manifold and let $f : M \rightarrow M$ be a diffeomorphism. For C^1 generic f , a
3 locally maximal homogeneous homoclinic class is hyperbolic.

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6 1 Introduction

Let M be a closed smooth $d(\geq 2)$ dimensional Riemannian manifold and let $f : M \rightarrow M$ be a diffeomorphism. Denote by $\text{Diff}(M)$ the set of all diffeomorphisms of M endowed with the C^1 topology. Let Λ be a closed f invariant set. We say that Λ is *hyperbolic* if the tangent bundle $T_\Lambda M$ has a Df -invariant splitting $E^s \oplus E^u$ and there exist constants $C > 0$ and $0 < \lambda < 1$ such that

$$\|D_x f^n|_{E_x^s}\| \leq C\lambda^n \quad \text{and} \quad \|D_x f^{-n}|_{E_x^u}\| \leq C\lambda^n$$

for all $x \in \Lambda$ and $n \geq 0$. If $\Lambda = M$ then f is said to be *Anosov*. A point $p \in M$ is *periodic* if there is $n > 0$ such that $f^n(p) = p$. Denote by $P(f)$ the set of all periodic points of f . It is well known that if p is a hyperbolic periodic point of f with period $\pi(p)$ then the sets

$$W^s(p) = \{x \in M : f^{\pi(p)n}(x) \rightarrow p \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty\} \quad \text{and}$$

$$W^u(p) = \{x \in M : f^{-\pi(p)n}(x) \rightarrow p \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty\}$$

7 are C^1 injectively immersed submanifolds of M . A point $x \in W^s(p) \cap W^u(p)$ is called
8 a *homoclinic point* of f associated to p . The closure of the homoclinic points of f
9 associated to p is called the *homoclinic class* of f associated to p , and it is denoted
10 by $H_f(p)$. It is known that $H_f(p)$ is closed, transitive and f -invariant sets. Let p
11 and q be hyperbolic periodic points. We write $p \sim q$ if $W^s(p) \cap W^u(q) \neq \emptyset$ and
12 $W^u(p) \cap W^s(q) \neq \emptyset$. We say that $p, q \in P(f)$ are *homoclinically related* if $p \sim q$. It

13 is clear that if $q \sim p$ then $\text{index}(p) = \text{index}(q)$, where $\text{index}(p) = \dim W^s(p)$. Note that
 14 a hyperbolic $p \in P(f)$, there are a C^1 neighborhood $\mathcal{U}(f)$ of f and a neighborhood U
 15 of p such that for any $g \in \mathcal{U}(f)$, $p_g = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} g^n(U)$, where p_g is said to be *continuation*
 16 of p .

17 We say that the homoclinic class $H_f(p)$ is *homogeneous* if $\text{index}(p) = \text{index}(q)$,
 18 for any hyperbolic $q \in H_f(p) \cap P(f)$. We say that Λ is *locally maximal* if there is a
 19 neighborhood U of Λ such that $\Lambda = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} f^n(U)$. Here the neighborhood U is called
 20 *locally maximal neighborhood* of Λ .

21 We say that a subset $\mathcal{G} \subset \text{Diff}(M)$ is *residual* if \mathcal{G} contains the intersection of
 22 a countable family of open and dense subsets of $\text{Diff}(M)$. In this case \mathcal{G} is dense in
 23 $\text{Diff}(M)$. A property "P" is said to be (C^1) *generic* if "P" holds for all diffeomorphisms
 24 which belong to some residual subset of $\text{Diff}(M)$.

We say that Λ admits a *dominated splitting* if the tangent bundle $T_\Lambda M$ has a
 continuous Df -invariant splitting $E \oplus F$ and there exist constants $C > 0$ and $0 < \lambda < 1$
 such that

$$\|D_x f^n|_{E(x)}\| \cdot \|D_x f^{-n}|_{F(f^n(x))}\| \leq C\lambda^n$$

25 for all $x \in \Lambda$ and $n \geq 0$. An invariant closed set Λ is called a *chain transitive* if for
 26 any $\delta > 0$ and $x, y \in \Lambda$, there is δ -pseudo orbit $\{x_i\}_{i=0}^n (n \geq 1) \subset \Lambda$ such that $x_0 = x$
 27 and $x_n = y$. Abdenur *et al* [1] proved that C^1 generically, any chain-transitive set Λ
 28 of f , then either (a) there is a dominated splitting over Λ or (b) the set Λ is contained
 29 is the Hausdorff limit of a sequence of periodic sinks/sources of f . Recently, Lee [9]
 30 proved that C^1 generically, if a chain transitive set Λ is locally maximal then it admits
 31 a dominated splitting. We say that Λ is *Lyapunov stable* for f if for every neighbor-
 32 hood U of Λ there is another neighborhood V of Λ such that $f^n(V) \subset U$ for any
 33 $n \geq 1$. We say that Λ is *bi-Lyapunov stable* if it is Lyapunov stable for f and for f^{-1} .
 34 Potrie and Sambarino [12] proved that C^1 generic diffeomorphisms with a homoclinic
 35 class with non empty interior and in particular those admitting a codimension one
 36 dominated splitting. Potrie [13] proved that for C^1 generic $f \in \text{Diff}(M)$, a Lyapunov
 37 stable homoclinic class $H_f(p)$ admits a dominated splitting. Wang [14] proved that
 38 for C^1 generic $f \in \text{Diff}(M)$, where M is connected, if a homoclinic class $H_f(p)$ is
 39 bi-Lyapunov stable, then we have: either $H_f(p)$ is hyperbolic, and so, $H_f(p) = M$
 40 and f is Anosov, or f can be C^1 approximated by diffeomorphisms that have a het-
 41 erodimensional cycle. From the results, we prove the following.

42
 43 **Theorem A** For C^1 generic $f \in \text{Diff}(M)$, a locally maximal homogeneous homoclinic
 44 class $H_f(p)$ is hyperbolic, for some hyperbolic $p \in P(f)$.
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46 From Theorem A, we directly obtained the previous results ([3, 7, 8]). More detail,
 47 C^1 generically, if a diffeomorphism f has the shadowing or limit shadowing property
 48 on a locally maximal $H_f(p)$ then $H_f(p)$ is homogeneous. Thus we can easily show that
 49 C^1 generically, if a diffeomorphism f has the shadowing property ([3, 7]), or the limit
 50 shadowing property ([8]) on a locally maximal homoclinic class then it is hyperbolic.

2 Proof of Theorem A

Let M be as before, and let $f \in \text{Diff}(M)$. For $\delta > 0$, a sequence of points $\{x_i\}_{i=0}^n$ ($n \geq 1$) in M is called a δ -pseudo orbit of f if $d(f(x_i), x_{i+1}) < \delta$ for $i = 0, \dots, n$. For given $x, y \in M$, we write $x \rightsquigarrow y$ if for any $\delta > 0$, there is a δ -pseudo orbit $\{x_i\}_{i=0}^n$ ($n \geq 1$) of f such that $x_0 = x$ and $x_n = y$. The set $\{x \in M : x \rightsquigarrow x\}$ is called the *chain recurrent set* of f and is denoted by $\mathcal{CR}(f)$. The relation \rightsquigarrow induces an equivalence relation on $\mathcal{CR}(f)$ whose classes are called *chain recurrence classes* of f . For any hyperbolic periodic point p , denote by $C_f(p) = \{x \in M : x \rightsquigarrow p \text{ and } p \rightsquigarrow x\}$. The chain recurrent class $C_f(p)$ is a closed and invariant set. In general, the homoclinic class $H_f(p)$ contained in the chain recurrence class $C_f(p)$.

Lemma 2.1. *There is a residual set $\mathcal{G}_1 \subset \text{Diff}(M)$ such that for any $f \in \mathcal{G}_1$,*

- (a) *f is Kupka-Smale, that is, any element of $P(f)$ is hyperbolic, and its invariant manifolds intersect transversely (see [11]).*
- (b) *the chain recurrence class $C_f(p)$ is the homoclinic class $H_f(p)$, for some hyperbolic periodic point p (see [4]).*
- (c) *an isolated chain recurrence class $C_f(p)$ is robustly isolated, that is, there are a C^1 neighborhood $\mathcal{U}(f)$ of f and a neighborhood U of $C_f(p)$ such that for every $g \in \mathcal{U}(f)$, $\mathcal{CR}(g) \cap U = C_g(p_g)$ (see [5]).*
- (d) *if for any C^1 neighborhood $\mathcal{U}(f)$ of f there is $g \in \mathcal{U}(f)$ such that g has two periodic points p and q with $\text{index}(p) \neq \text{index}(q)$ then f has two periodic points p_f and q_f with $\text{index}(p_f) \neq \text{index}(q_f)$ (see [10]).*

For any $\delta > 0$, we say that a hyperbolic $p \in P(f)$ has a δ weak eigenvalue if there is an eigenvalue λ of $D_p f^{\pi(p)}$ such that

$$(1 - \delta)^{\pi(p)} < |\lambda| < (1 + \delta)^{\pi(p)},$$

where $\pi(p)$ is the period of p . The following lemma was proved by Wang [14].

Lemma 2.2. *There is a residual set $\mathcal{G}_2 \subset \text{Diff}(M)$ such that for any $f \in \mathcal{G}_2$, if a homoclinic class $H_f(p)$ is not hyperbolic then there is a hyperbolic periodic point $q \in H_f(p)$ with $q \sim p$ such that q has a Lyapunov exponent arbitrarily close to 0.*

By Lemma 2.2, the hyperbolic periodic point $q \in H_f(p)$ is said to be a *weak hyperbolic periodic point* if the hyperbolic periodic point $q \in H_f(p)$ has a Lyapunov exponent arbitrarily close to 0. The notion of weak hyperbolic periodic point is a δ weak eigenvalue for the hyperbolic periodic point. We say that a periodic point p is said to be *weak hyperbolic* if p has a δ weak eigenvalue. We rewrite the result of Wang as the following.

Lemma 2.3. *There is a residual set $\mathcal{G}_2 \subset \text{Diff}(M)$ such that for any $f \in \mathcal{G}_2$, any hyperbolic periodic point p of f , if a homoclinic class $H_f(p)$ is not hyperbolic then there are $\delta > 0$, and a hyperbolic periodic point $q \in H_f(p)$ with $q \sim p$ such that q is a weak hyperbolic.*

The following Franks' lemma [6] will play essential roles in our proofs.

87 **Lemma 2.4.** *Let $\mathcal{U}(f)$ be any given C^1 neighborhood of f . Then there exist $\epsilon > 0$
 88 and a C^1 neighborhood $\mathcal{V}(f) \subset \mathcal{U}(f)$ of f such that for given $g \in \mathcal{V}(f)$, a finite set
 89 $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$, a neighborhood U of $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\}$ and linear maps $L_i : T_{x_i}M \rightarrow$
 90 $T_{g(x_i)}M$ satisfying $\|L_i - D_{x_i}g\| \leq \epsilon$ for all $1 \leq i \leq k$, there exists $\tilde{g} \in \mathcal{U}(f)$ such that
 91 $\tilde{g}(x) = g(x)$ if $x \in \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k\} \cup (M \setminus U)$ and $D_{x_i}\tilde{g} = L_i$ for all $1 \leq i \leq k$.*

92 **Lemma 2.5.** *Let $\mathcal{U}(f)$ be a C^1 neighborhood of f and let U be a locally maximal
 93 neighborhood of $H_f(p)$. If a weak periodic point $q \in H_f(p)$ then there are $g \in \mathcal{U}(f)$
 94 and $q_1 \in \Lambda_g(U) = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} g^n(U)$ such that $\text{index}(q_1) \neq \text{index}(p_g)$, where $\Lambda_g(U)$ is the
 95 continuation of $H_f(p)$.*

Proof. Let $\mathcal{U}(f)$ be a C^1 neighborhood of f and let U be a locally maximal neigh-
 borhood of $H_f(p)$. Suppose that there is a periodic point $q \in H_f(p)$ with the pe-
 riod $\pi(q)$ such that q is a weak hyperbolic. For simplicity, we may assume that
 $f^{\pi(q)}(q) = f(q) = q$. Since $q \in H_f(p)$ is a weak hyperbolic periodic point, for any
 $\delta > 0$ there is an eigenvalue λ of $D_q f$ such that

$$(1 - \delta) < |\lambda| < (1 + \delta) \text{ and } q \sim p.$$

96 By Lemma 2.4, there is g C^1 close to f such that $g(p) = f(p) = p$ and $D_p g$ has an
 97 eigenvalue λ such that $|\lambda| = 1$. Note that by Lemma 2.4, there is g_1 C^1 close to f
 98 such that $D_p g_1$ has only one eigenvalue λ with $|\lambda| = 1$. Denote by E_p^c the eigenspace
 99 corresponding to λ . In the proof we consider two cases : (i) λ is real, and (ii) λ is
 100 complex.

101 First, we may assume that $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ (other case is similar). By Lemma 2.4, there are
 102 $\alpha > 0$, $B_\alpha(p) \subset U$ and h C^1 close to g ($h \in \mathcal{U}(f)$) such that

- 103 $\cdot h(p) = g(p) = p,$
- 104 $\cdot h(x) = \exp_p \circ D_p g \circ \exp_p^{-1}(x)$ for $x \in B_\alpha(p)$, and
- 105 $\cdot h(x) = g(x)$ for $x \notin B_{4\alpha}(p)$.

Let $\eta = \alpha/4$. Take a nonzero vector $v \in \exp_p(E_p^c(\alpha))$ which is corresponding to
 λ such that $\|v\| = \eta$. Here $E_p^c(\alpha)$ is the α -ball in E_p^c with its center at $\vec{0}_p$. Then we
 have

$$h(\exp_p(v)) = \exp_p \circ D_p g \circ \exp_p^{-1}(\exp_p(v)) = \exp_p(v).$$

Put $\mathcal{J}_p = \exp_p(\{tv : -\eta/4 \leq t \leq \eta/4\})$. Then \mathcal{J}_p is center at p and $h(\mathcal{J}_p) = \mathcal{J}_p$.
 Since $B_\alpha(p) \subset U$ we know that $\mathcal{J}_p \subset \Lambda_h(U) = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} h^n(U)$. Since $h(\mathcal{J}_p) = \mathcal{J}_p$, take
 two end points q, r of \mathcal{J}_p . Then we know that

$$D_q h|_{E_p^c} = D_r h|_{E_p^c} = 1.$$

106 By Lemma 2.4, there is ϕ C^1 close to h ($\phi \in \mathcal{U}(f)$) such that $\text{index}(q_\phi) \neq \text{index}(r_\phi)$,
 107 where q_ϕ and r_ϕ are hyperbolic points with respect to ϕ .

Finally, we consider $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. For simplicity, we assume that $f(p) = p$. As in the proof
 of the case of $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, by Lemma 2.4, there are $\alpha > 0$, $B_\alpha(p) \subset U$ and $g \in \mathcal{U}(f)$ such
 that

$$g(p) = f(p) = p \text{ and } g(x) = \exp_p \circ D_p g \circ \exp_p^{-1}(x)$$

for $x \in B_\alpha(p)$. Since $\lambda = 1$, there is $n > 0$ such that $D_p g^n(v) = v$ for any $v \in \exp_p^{-1}(E_p^c(\alpha))$. Let $v \in \exp_p(E_p^c(\alpha))$ such that $\|v\| = \alpha/4$. Then we have a small arc

$$\exp_p(\{tv : 0 \leq t \leq 1 + \alpha/4\}) = \mathcal{I}_p \subset \Lambda_g(U) = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} g^n(U)$$

108 such that

109 (i) $g^i(\mathcal{I}_p) \cap g^j(\mathcal{I}_p) = \emptyset$ if $0 \leq i \neq j \leq n-1$,

110 (ii) $g^n(\mathcal{I}_p) = \mathcal{I}_p$, and

111 (iii) $g^n|_{\mathcal{I}_p} : \mathcal{I}_p \rightarrow \mathcal{I}_p$ is the identity map.

112 Then we take two point $q, r \in \mathcal{I}_p$ such that the points are the end points of \mathcal{I}_p . As in
113 the previous arguments, there is g_1 C^1 close to g such that $\text{index}(q_{g_1}) \neq \text{index}(r_{g_1})$
114 where q_{g_1} and r_{g_1} are hyperbolic with respect to g_1 . \square

115 **Proof of Theorem A.** Let $f \in \mathcal{G} = \mathcal{G}_1 \cap \mathcal{G}_2$ and let p be a hyperbolic periodic point
116 of f . Suppose, by contradiction, that a homogeneous homoclinic class $H_f(p)$ is not
117 hyperbolic. Since $H_f(p)$ is homogeneous, we assume that $\text{index}(p) = j$. Let U be a
118 locally maximal neighborhood of $H_f(p)$. Since $H_f(p)$ is not hyperbolic, by Lemma
119 2.3 there is a periodic point $q \in H_f(p)$ with $q \sim p$ such that q is a weak hyperbolic
120 point. Since $H_f(p)$ is locally maximal in U , by Lemma 2.5 there is g C^1 close to
121 f such that g has two hyperbolic periodic points $r, s \in \Lambda_g(U) = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} g^n(U)$ with
122 $\text{index}(r) \neq \text{index}(s)$. Since $f \in \mathcal{G}_1$, $H_f(p) = C_f(p)$ and it is robust isolated, we have that
123 that

$$(2.1) \quad \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} g^n(\mathcal{CR}(g) \cap U) = \mathcal{CR}(g) \cap \Lambda_g(U) \subset \mathcal{CR}(g) \cap U = C_g(p_g) = H_g(p_g),$$

124 where p_g is the continuation of p .

Since $r, s \in \Lambda_g(U)$ as hyperbolic periodic points of g , we know that $r, s \in \mathcal{CR}(g) \cap U$. Then by (1) we have

$$r, s \in \mathcal{CR}(g) \cap \Lambda_g(U) \subset \mathcal{CR}(g) \cap U = H_g(p_g) = C_g(p_g).$$

125 Thus we have $r, s \in H_g(p_g)$ with $\text{index}(s) \neq \text{index}(r)$. By Lemma 2.1, we have
126 two hyperbolic periodic points $r_f, s_f \in H_f(p)$ with $\text{index}(r_f) \neq \text{index}(s_f)$. Since
127 $\text{index}(p) = j$, we know that either $\text{index}(r_f) \neq j$ or $\text{index}(s_f) \neq j$. This is a contra-
128 diction since $H_f(p)$ is homogeneous. \square

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