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# Volume preserving diffeomorphisms with orbital shadowing

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#### **Abstract**

Let f be a volume-preserving diffeomorphism of a closed  $C^{\infty}$  Riemannian manifold M. In this paper, we show that the following are equivalent:

- (a) f belongs to the  $C^1$ -interior of the set of volume-preserving diffeomorphisms with orbital shadowing,
- (b) f is Anosov.

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#### 1 Introduction

A fundamental problem in differentiable dynamical systems is to understand how a robust dynamic property on the underlying manifold would influence the behavior of the tangent map on the tangent bundle. For instance, in [1], Mañé proved that any  $C^1$  structurally stable diffeomorphism is an Axiom A diffeomorphism. And in [2], Palis extended this result to  $\Omega$ -stable diffeomorphisms. Let M be a closed  $C^\infty$  Riemannian manifold endowed with a volume form  $\omega$ . Let  $\mu$  denote the Lebesgue measure associated to  $\omega$ , and let d denote the metric induced on M by the Riemannian structure. Denote by  $\mathrm{Diff}_{\mu}(M)$  the set of diffeomorphisms which preserves the Lebesgue measure  $\mu$  endowed with the  $C^1$ -topology. We know that every volume preserving diffeomorphism satisfying Axiom A is Anosov (for more details, see [3]).

For  $\delta > 0$ , a sequence of points  $\{x_i\}_{i=a}^b$  ( $-\infty \le a < b \le \infty$ ) in M is called a  $\delta$ -pseudo-orbit of f if  $d(f(x_i), x_{i+1}) < \delta$  for all  $a \le i \le b-1$ . Let  $\Lambda \subset M$  be a closed f-invariant set. We say that f has the shadowing property on  $\Lambda$  (or  $\Lambda$  is shadowable) if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is  $\delta > 0$  such that for any  $\delta$ -pseudo-orbit  $\{x_i\}_{i=a}^b \subset \Lambda$  of f ( $-\infty \le a < b \le \infty$ ), there is a point  $y \in M$  such that  $d(f^i(y), x_i) < \epsilon$  for all  $a \le i \le b-1$ . It is easy to see that f has the shadowing property on  $\Lambda$  if and only if  $f^n$  has the shadowing property on  $\Lambda$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ . The notion of pseudo-orbits often appears in several methods of the modern theory of dynamical systems. Moreover, the shadowing property plays an important role in the investigation of stability theory. In fact, Pilyugin [4] and Robinson [5] showed that if a diffeomorphism f is structurally stable, then f has the shadowing property. Moreover, Sakai [6] proved that if there is a  $C^1$ -neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}(f)$  of f such that for any  $g \in \mathcal{U}(f)$ , g has the shadowing property, then f is structurally stable. For each  $x \in M$ , let  $\mathcal{O}_f(x)$  be the orbit of f through x; that is,

$$\mathcal{O}_f(x) = \{f^n(x) : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$



We say that f has the *orbital shadowing property* on  $\Lambda$  (or  $\Lambda$  is *orbitally shadowable*) if for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for any  $\delta$ -pseudo-orbit  $\xi = \{x_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \Lambda$ , we can find a point  $y \in M$  such that

$$\mathcal{O}_f(y) \subset B_{\epsilon}(\xi)$$
 and  $\xi \subset B_{\epsilon}(\mathcal{O}_f(y))$ ,

where  $B_{\epsilon}(A)$  denotes the  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of a set  $A \subset M$ . f is said to have the *weak shadowing property* on  $\Lambda$  (or  $\Lambda$  is *weakly shadowable*) if for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for any  $\delta$ -pseudo-orbit  $\xi = \{x_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \Lambda$ , there is a point  $y \in M$  such that  $\xi \subset B_{\epsilon}(\mathcal{O}_f(y))$ . Note that if f has the shadowing property, then f has the orbital shadowing property, but the converse is not true (see [7]). It is easy to see that f has the orbital shadowing property on  $\Lambda$  if and only if  $f^n$  has the orbital shadowing property on  $\Lambda$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ .

We say that  $\Lambda$  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

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

for all  $x \in \Lambda$  and n > 0.

We denote by  $\mathcal{F}_{\mu}(M)$  the set of diffeomorphisms  $f \in \mathrm{Diff}_{\mu}(M)$  which have a  $C^1$ -neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}(f) \subset \mathrm{Diff}_{\mu}(M)$  such that for any  $g \in \mathcal{U}(f)$ , every periodic point of g is hyperbolic.

Very recently, Arbieto and Catalan [3] proved that every volume preserving diffeomorphism in  $\mathcal{F}_{\mu}(M)$  is Anosov. To prove this, they used Mañé's results in [1, Proposition II.1] and showed that  $\overline{P(f)}$  is hyperbolic if  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{\mu}(M)$ . Thus, we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.1** [3, Theorem 1.1] Every diffeomorphism in  $\mathcal{F}_{\mu}(M)$  is Anosov.

Let  $\operatorname{int} \mathcal{OS}_{\mu}(M)$  denote the  $C^1$ -interior of the set of volume preserving diffeomorphisms in  $\operatorname{Diff}_{\mu}(M)$  satisfying the orbital shadowing property. In [7], the authors proved that the  $C^1$ -interior of the set of diffeomorphisms having the orbital shadowing property coincides with the set of structurally stable diffeomorphisms. Note that if a diffeomorphism satisfies structurally stable then it is not Anosov in general. But the converse is true. Finally, we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 1.2** The set  $\mathcal{AN}_{\mu}(M)$  of Anosov diffeomorphisms in  $\mathrm{Diff}_{\mu}(M)$  coincides with the  $C^1$ -interior of the set of diffeomorphisms in  $\mathrm{Diff}_{\mu}(M)$  with orbital shadowing; that is,  $\mathcal{AN}_{\mu}(M) = \mathrm{int}\,\mathcal{OS}_{\mu}(M)$ .

### 2 Proof of Theorem 1.2

**Remark 2.1** Let  $f \in \operatorname{Diff}^1_{\mu}(M)$ . From Moser's theorem (see [8]), we can find a smooth conservative change of coordinates  $\varphi_x : U(x) \to T_x M$  such that  $\varphi_x(x) = 0$ , where U(x) is a small neighborhood of  $x \in M$ .

Recall that f has the *orbital shadowing property* on  $\Lambda$  ( $\Lambda$  is *orbitally shadowable*) if for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is  $\delta > 0$  such that for any  $\delta$ -pseudo orbit  $\xi = \{x_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \Lambda$  of f, there is  $\epsilon M$  such that

$$\mathcal{O}_f(y) \subset B_{\epsilon}(\xi)$$
 and  $\xi \subset B_{\epsilon}(\mathcal{O}_f(y))$ .

Notice that in this definition, only  $\delta$ -pseudo orbits of f are contained in  $\Lambda$ , but the shadowing point  $y \in M$  is not necessarily contained in  $\Lambda$ . To prove our result, we use Franks' lemma which is proved in [9, Proposition 7.4].

**Lemma 2.2** Let  $f \in \operatorname{Diff}^1_{\mu}(M)$ , and  $\mathcal{U}$  be a  $C^1$ -neighborhood of f in  $\operatorname{Diff}^1_{\mu}(M)$ . Then there exist a  $C^1$ -neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}_0 \subset \mathcal{U}$  of f and  $\epsilon > 0$  such that if  $g \in \mathcal{U}_0$ , any finite f-invariant set  $E = \{x_1, \ldots, x_m\}$ , any neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}$  of E, and any volume-preserving linear maps  $L_j : T_{x_j}M \to T_{g(x_j)}M$  with  $\|L_j - D_{x_j}g\| \le \epsilon$  for all  $j = 1, \ldots, m$ , there is a conservative diffeomorphism  $g_1 \in \mathcal{U}$  coinciding with f on E and out of G, and G, and G is G in all G in G.

We introduce the notion of normally hyperbolic which was founded in [10]. Let  $V \subset M$  be an invariant submanifold of  $f \in \mathrm{Diff}_{\mu}(M)$ . We say that V is *normally hyperbolic* if there is a splitting  $T_VM = TV \oplus N^s \oplus N^u$  such that

- the splitting depends continuously on  $x \in V$ ,
- $D_x f(N_x^{\sigma}) = N_{f(x)}^{\sigma} (\sigma = s, u)$  for all  $x \in V$ ,
- there are constants C > 0 and  $0 < \lambda < 1$  such that for every unit vector  $x \in T_x V$ ,  $v^s \in N_x^s$  and  $v^u \in N_x^u$   $(x \in V)$ , we have

$$||D_x f^n(v^s)|| \le C\lambda^n ||D_x f^n(v)||$$
 and  $||D_x f^n(v^u)|| \ge C^{-1}\lambda^{-1} ||D_x f^n(v)||$ 

for all  $n \ge 0$ .

**Proposition 2.3** *If*  $f \in \text{int } \mathcal{OS}_{\mu}(M)$ , then every periodic point of f is hyperbolic.

*Proof* Take  $f \in \operatorname{int} \mathcal{OS}_{\mu}(M)$ , and  $\mathcal{U}(f)$  is a  $C^1$ -neighborhood of  $f \in \operatorname{Diff}_{\mu}(M)$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\mathcal{V}(f) \subset \mathcal{U}_0(f)$  be the number and  $C^1$ -neighborhood of f corresponding to  $\mathcal{U}(f)$  given by Lemma 2.2. To derive a contradiction, we assume that there exists a nonhyperbolic periodic point  $p \in P(g)$  for some  $g \in \mathcal{V}(f)$ . To simplify the notation in the proof, we may assume that g(p) = p. Then there is at least one eigenvalue  $\lambda$  of  $D_p g$  such that  $|\lambda| = 1$ .

By making use of Lemma 2.2, we linearize g at p using Moser's theorem; that is, by choosing  $\alpha > 0$  sufficiently small, we construct  $g_1$   $C^1$ -nearby g such that

$$g_1(x) = \begin{cases} \varphi_p^{-1} \circ D_p g \circ \varphi_p(x) & \text{if } x \in B_\alpha(p), \\ g(x) & \text{if } x \notin B_{4\alpha}(p). \end{cases}$$

Then  $g_1(p) = g(p) = p$ .

First, we may assume that  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $\lambda = 1$ . Let  $\nu$  be the associated non-zero eigenvector such that  $\|\nu\| = \alpha/4$ . Then we can get a small arc

$$\mathcal{I}_{\nu} = \{t\nu : -1 \le t \le 1\} \subset \varphi_{\nu}(B_{\alpha}(p)).$$

Take  $\epsilon = \alpha/8$ . Let  $0 < \delta < \epsilon$  be a number of the orbital shadowing property of  $g_1$  corresponding to  $\epsilon$ . Then by our construction of  $g_1$ ,

$$\varphi_n^{-1}(\mathcal{I}_{\nu}) \subset B_{\alpha}(p).$$

Then it is clear that  $\varphi_p^{-1}(\mathcal{I}_\nu)$  is normally hyperbolic for  $g_1$ . Put  $\mathcal{J}_p = \varphi_p^{-1}(\mathcal{I}_\nu)$ . Given a constant  $\delta > 0$ , we construct a  $\delta$ -pseudo orbit  $\xi = \{x_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathcal{J}_p$  as follows. For fixed  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , choose distinct points  $x_0 = p, x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_k$  in  $\mathcal{J}_p$  such that

- (a)  $d(x_i, x_{i+1}) < \delta$  for i = 0, 1, ..., k-1,
- (b)  $d(x_{-i-1}, x_{-i}) < \delta$  for i = 0, ..., k-1,
- (c)  $x_0 = x$  and  $d(x_{-k}, x_k) > 2\epsilon$ .

Now, we define  $\xi = \{x_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  by  $x_{ki+j} = x_j$  for  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $j = -k-1, -k-2, \ldots, -1, 0, 1, \ldots, k-1$ . Since  $g_1$  has the orbital shadowing property,  $g_1|_{\mathcal{J}_p}$  must have the orbital shadowing property. Thus, we can find a point  $y \in M$  such that  $\xi \subset B_{\epsilon}(\mathcal{O}_{g_1}(y))$ , and  $\mathcal{O}_{g_1}(y) \subset B_{\epsilon}(\xi)$ . For any  $v \in \mathcal{I}_v$ ,  $\varphi_p^{-1}(v) \in \mathcal{J}_p \subset B_{\alpha}(p)$  and

$$g_1(\varphi_p^{-1}(v)) = \varphi_p^{-1} \circ D_p g \circ \varphi_p(\varphi_p^{-1}(v)).$$

Then  $g_1(\varphi_p^{-1}(\nu)) = \varphi_p^{-1}(\nu)$ . Thus,  $g_1^l(\mathcal{J}_p) = \mathcal{J}_p$  for some l > 0. Now, we show that if  $\mathcal{J}_p$  is normally hyperbolic for  $g_1$ , then the shadowing points belong to  $\mathcal{J}_p$ . Assume that there is a shadowing point  $y \in M \setminus \mathcal{J}_p$ . Then by the hyperbolicity, there are  $l, k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $d(g_1^l(y), x_k) > \epsilon$ , where  $x_k \in \xi = \{x_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ . This is a contradiction since  $g_1|_{\mathcal{J}_p}$  has the orbital shadowing property. Thus, if  $\mathcal{J}_p$  is normally hyperbolic for  $g_1$ , then the shadowing point belongs to  $\mathcal{J}_p$ . Since  $g_1|_{\mathcal{J}_p}$  has the orbital shadowing property, from the above facts, we have  $y \in \mathcal{J}_p$ . But  $g_1^l(\mathcal{J}_p) = \mathcal{J}_p$  and so  $g_1^l|_{\mathcal{J}_p}$  is the identity map. Then  $g_1^l|_{\mathcal{J}_p}$  does not have the orbital shadowing property. Thus,  $g_1|_{\mathcal{J}_p}$  also does not have the orbital shadowing property.

Finally, if  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ , then to avoid the notational complexity, we may assume that g(p) = p. As in the first case, by Lemma 2.2, there are  $\alpha > 0$  and  $g_1 \in \mathcal{V}(f)$  such that  $g_1(p) = g(p) = p$  and

$$g_1(x) = \begin{cases} \varphi_p^{-1} \circ D_p g \circ \varphi_p(x) & \text{if } x \in B_\alpha(p), \\ g(x) & \text{if } x \notin B_{4\alpha}(p). \end{cases}$$

With a  $C^1$ -small modification of the map  $D_p g$ , we may suppose that there is l > 0 (the minimum number) such that  $D_p g^l(v) = v$  for any  $v \in \varphi_p(B_\alpha(p)) \subset T_p M$ . Then we can go on with the previous argument in order to reach the same contradiction. Thus, every periodic point of  $f \in \operatorname{int} \mathcal{OS}_u(M)$  is hyperbolic.

*End of the proof of Theorem* 1.2 Let  $f \in \text{int } \mathcal{OS}_{\mu}(M)$ . By Proposition 2.3, we see that  $f \in \mathcal{F}_{\mu}(M)$ . Thus, by Theorem 1.1, f is Anosov.

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The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

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