

## SHADOWING, EXPANSIVENESS AND STABILITY OF DIVERGENCE-FREE VECTOR FIELDS

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ABSTRACT. Let  $X$  be a divergence-free vector field defined on a closed, connected Riemannian manifold. In this paper, we show the equivalence between the following conditions:

- $X$  is a divergence-free vector field satisfying the *shadowing property*.
- $X$  is a divergence-free vector field satisfying the *Lipschitz shadowing property*.
- $X$  is an *expansive* divergence-free vector field.
- $X$  has no singularities and is *Anosov*.

### 1. Introduction and results' statement

Let  $M$  denote a  $d$ -dimensional ( $d \geq 3$ ), compact, boundary-less, connected and smooth Riemannian manifold, endowed with a volume form, which has associated a measure  $\mu$ , called the Lebesgue measure. Also, denote by  $dist$  the Riemannian distance and consider, for  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $p \in M$ , the open balls  $B_\epsilon(p) = \{x \in M : dist(x, p) < \epsilon\}$ .

Denote by  $\mathfrak{X}^r(M)$  the set of vector fields defined on  $M$  and endowed with the  $C^r$  Whitney topology ( $r \geq 1$ ). If the divergence of a  $C^r$ -vector field  $X$  is zero, then we call  $X$  a  $C^r$ -divergence-free vector field. Let  $\mathfrak{X}_\mu^r(M)$  denote the set of divergence-free vector fields defined on  $M$  endowed with the induced  $C^r$  Whitney topology. A  $C^r$ -vector field  $X : M \rightarrow TM$  generates the  $C^r$ -flow  $X^t : M \rightarrow M$  for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $X$  is a divergence-free vector field, then  $X^t$  is called a *conservative* flow, that is, the measure  $\mu$  is  $X^t$ -invariant. From now on, we set  $r = 1$ .

In this paper, we want to relate expansiveness, shadowing and Lipschitz shadowing properties with the uniform hyperbolicity in the divergence-free setting. So, we start by stating these concepts.

The set of *singularities* of a vector field  $X$  is denoted by

$$Sing(X) = \{p \in M : X(p) = \vec{0}\}.$$

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If  $p \notin \text{Sing}(X)$ , then  $p$  is called a *regular point* and a subset of  $M$  is said *regular* if it has no singularities.

Given  $X$  in  $\mathfrak{X}^1(M)$  and a regular point  $x$  in  $M$ , let  $N_x = X(x)^\perp \subset T_x M$  denote the  $(\dim(M) - 1)$ -dimensional *normal bundle* of  $X$  at  $x$  and define  $N_{x,\epsilon} = N_x \cap \{u \in T_x M : \|u\| < \epsilon\}$  for  $\epsilon > 0$ . Since, in general,  $N_x$  is not  $DX_x^t$ -invariant, we define the *linear Poincaré flow*

$$P_X^t(x) = \Pi_{X^t(x)} \circ DX_x^t,$$

where  $\Pi_{X^t(x)} : T_{X^t(x)} M \rightarrow N_{X^t(x)}$  is the canonical orthogonal projection.

**Definition 1.1.** Fix  $X \in \mathfrak{X}^1(M)$ . An  $X^t$ -invariant, compact and regular set  $\Lambda \subset M$  is *uniformly hyperbolic* if  $N_\Lambda$  admits a  $P_X^t$ -invariant splitting  $N_\Lambda^s \oplus N_\Lambda^u$  such that there is  $\ell > 0$  satisfying

$$\|P_X^\ell(x)|_{N_x^s}\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } \|P_X^{-\ell}(X^\ell(x))|_{N_{X^\ell(x)}^u}\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{ for any } x \in \Lambda.$$

A vector field  $X$  is called *Anosov* if the manifold  $M$  is uniformly hyperbolic. Let  $\mathcal{A}_\mu^1(M)$  denote the set of Anosov  $C^1$ -divergence-free vector fields.

Since  $\Lambda$  is assumed to be compact, these definitions are equivalent to the usual definitions of hyperbolic set of a flow and of Anosov vector field (see [7, Proposition 1.1]).

Now, we want to state the definition of *shadowing* for continuous-time systems. First, define *Rep* as the set of the increasing homeomorphisms  $\alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , called *reparametrizations*, satisfying  $\alpha(0) = 0$ . Fixing  $\epsilon > 0$ , define the set

$$\text{Rep}(\epsilon) = \left\{ \alpha \in \text{Rep} : \left| \frac{\alpha(t)}{t} - 1 \right| < \epsilon, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

When we choose a reparametrization  $\alpha$  in the previous set, we want  $\alpha(t)$  to be taken arbitrarily close to the identity.

**Definition 1.2.** Fix  $T > 0$  and  $\delta > 0$ . A map  $\psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$  is a  $(\delta, T)$ -*pseudo-orbit* of a flow  $X^t$  if  $\text{dist}(X^t(\psi(\tau)), \psi(\tau + t)) < \delta$  for any  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$  and any  $|t| \leq T$ . A pseudo-orbit  $\psi$  of a flow  $X^t$  is said to be  $\epsilon$ -*shadowed* by some orbit of  $X^t$  if there is  $x \in M$  and a reparametrization  $\alpha \in \text{Rep}(\epsilon)$  such that  $\text{dist}(X^{\alpha(t)}(x), \psi(t)) < \epsilon$  for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Note that  $\psi$  is not assumed to be continuous.

**Definition 1.3.** A  $C^1$ -vector field  $X$  satisfies the *shadowing property* if for any  $\epsilon > 0$  and any  $T > 0$ , there is  $\delta > 0$  such that any  $(\delta, T)$ -pseudo-orbit  $\psi$  is  $\epsilon$ -shadowed by some orbit of  $X$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}^1(M)$  and  $\mathcal{S}_\mu^1(M)$  denote the sets of vector fields in  $\mathfrak{X}^1(M)$  and  $\mathfrak{X}_\mu^1(M)$ , respectively, satisfying the shadowing property.

In [16], Smale proved that a diffeomorphism in the  $C^1$ -interior of the set of diffeomorphisms with the shadowing property is  $C^1$ -structurally stable. More recently, Lee and Sakai proved, in [9], that if  $X$  belongs to the interior of the set

$\mathcal{S}^1(M)$  and has no singularities, then  $X$  satisfies the Axiom A and the strong transversality conditions.

The *Lipschitz shadowing property* is a stronger definition of shadowing.

**Definition 1.4.** A  $C^1$ -vector field  $X$  satisfies the *Lipschitz shadowing property* if there are positive constants  $\ell$  and  $\delta_0$  such that any  $(\delta, T)$ -pseudo-orbit  $\psi$ , with  $T > 0$  and  $\delta \leq \delta_0$ , is  $\ell\delta$ -shadowed by an orbit of  $X$ . Let  $\mathcal{LS}^1(M)$  and  $\mathcal{LS}_\mu^1(M)$  denote the sets of vector fields in  $\mathfrak{X}^1(M)$  and  $\mathfrak{X}_\mu^1(M)$ , respectively, satisfying the Lipschitz shadowing property.

By definition, it is immediate that the set  $\mathcal{LS}^1(M)$  is a subset of  $\mathcal{S}^1(M)$  and that the set  $\mathcal{LS}_\mu^1(M)$  is a subset of  $\mathcal{S}_\mu^1(M)$ .

In [17], Tikhomirov proved that a vector field in the  $C^1$ -interior of the set of vector fields with the Lipschitz shadowing property is structurally stable. Recently, Pilyugin and Tikhomirov proved that a  $C^1$ -diffeomorphism having the Lipschitz shadowing property is structurally stable (see [15]).

The following definition is the notion of *expansive vector field*, introduced by Bowen and Walters, in [6].

**Definition 1.5.** A  $C^1$ -vector field  $X$  is *expansive* if, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $x, y \in M$  satisfy  $\text{dist}(X^t(x), X^{\alpha(t)}(y)) \leq \delta$  for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and for some continuous map  $\alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\alpha(0) = 0$ , then  $y = X^s(x)$ , where  $|s| \leq \epsilon$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{E}^1(M) \subset \mathfrak{X}^1(M)$  the set of *expansive vector fields* and by  $\mathcal{E}_\mu^1(M) \subset \mathfrak{X}_\mu^1(M)$  the set of *expansive divergence-free vector fields*, both endowed with the  $C^1$  Whitney topology.

Observe that the reparametrization  $\alpha$ , in the previous definition, is not assumed to be close to identity and that the expansiveness property does not depend on the choice of the metric on  $M$ . This definition asserts that any two points whose orbits remain indistinguishable, up to any continuous time displacement, must be in the same orbit.

In 1970's, Mañé proved that a diffeomorphism  $f$  in the  $C^1$ -interior of the set of expansive diffeomorphisms is Axiom A and satisfies the quasi-transversality condition (see [10]). Later, Moriyasu, Sakai and Sun proved the same result for vector fields, in [11]. Moreover, the authors proved that if  $X$  belongs to the  $C^1$ -interior of the set  $\mathcal{E}^1(M)$  and has the shadowing property, then  $X$  is Anosov. Recently, Pilyugin and Tikhomirov proved that an expansive diffeomorphism having the Lipschitz shadowing property is Anosov (see [15]).

The expansiveness and the shadowing properties play an essential role in the investigation of the stability theory and the ergodic theory of Axiom A diffeomorphisms (see [5]). It is well-known that Anosov systems are expansive and satisfy the shadowing and the Lipschitz shadowing properties (see [1, 14]). In this paper, we prove the following result.

**Theorem 1.**  $\mathcal{S}_\mu^1(M) = \mathcal{LS}_\mu^1(M) = \mathcal{E}_\mu^1(M) = \mathcal{A}_\mu^1(M)$ .

## 2. Definitions and auxiliary results

In this section, we state some extra definitions on divergence-free dynamics, as well as some auxiliary results.

A *closed orbit*  $\gamma$  of  $X$  is a non-constant integral curve  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow M$  of  $X$  such that  $\gamma(a) = \gamma(b)$ . We define  $b$  as the smallest number greater than  $a$  satisfying  $\gamma(a) = \gamma(b)$ . Observe that the period of  $\gamma$  is  $b - a$ . For simplicity, sometimes we call  $p \in \gamma$  a closed orbit. So, the set of *closed orbits* associated to the vector field  $X$  is denoted by

$$Per(X) = \{p \in M : \exists t > 0, X^t(p) = p\}.$$

Fix a closed orbit  $\gamma$  and  $p \in \gamma$ . If  $\pi > 0$  is the least number such that  $X^\pi(p) = p$ , then  $\gamma$  is a closed orbit with *period*  $\pi$ . Denote by  $\Sigma$  a  $(\dim(M) - 1)$ -*transversal section* to  $X$  at  $p$ . Poincaré defined a map  $f$  from  $\tilde{\Sigma} \subset \Sigma$  to  $\Sigma$ , called *the Poincaré first return map* of the trajectories on  $\Sigma$ , such that, for any point  $x \in \Sigma$  in a small neighborhood of  $p$ , the  $\omega$ -trajectory of  $x$  will intersect  $\Sigma$  again at some point  $y$  at some time  $t$  close to  $b$ . A closed orbit  $\gamma$  of  $X$  is *hyperbolic* if  $p \in \gamma$  is a hyperbolic fixed point of the Poincaré first return map.

Singularities and closed orbits of  $X$  are called *critical points* and are denoted by

$$Crit(X) = Sing(X) \cup Per(X).$$

A singularity  $p$  is called *hyperbolic* if the eigenvalues of  $DX_p$  are not purely imaginary. We say that any element of  $Crit(X)$  is hyperbolic, if any singularity and any closed orbit of  $X$  is hyperbolic.

**Definition 2.1.** A  $C^1$ -vector field  $X$  is a *star vector field* if there exists a  $C^1$ -neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $X$  in  $\mathfrak{X}^1(M)$  such that, for any  $Y \in \mathcal{U}$ , any element of the set  $Crit(Y)$  is hyperbolic. Moreover, a vector field  $X \in \mathfrak{X}_\mu^1(M)$  is a *divergence-free star vector field* if there exists a  $C^1$ -neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $X$  in  $\mathfrak{X}_\mu^1(M)$  such that, for any  $Y \in \mathcal{U}$ , any element of the set  $Crit(Y)$  is hyperbolic. Note that if  $X \in \mathfrak{X}_\mu^1(M)$  is a star vector field, then  $X$  is a divergence-free star vector field. The set of star vector fields is denoted by  $\mathcal{G}^1(M)$  and the set of divergence-free star vector fields is denoted by  $\mathcal{G}_\mu^1(M)$ .

By definition,  $\mathcal{G}^1(M)$  and  $\mathcal{G}_\mu^1(M)$  are  $C^1$ -open subsets of  $\mathfrak{X}^1(M)$  and  $\mathfrak{X}_\mu^1(M)$ , respectively. Observe that, in the previous definition, the hyperbolicity imposed at the critical points is not uniform. So, the hyperbolicity constants depend on the critical point.

In [8], it is proved that divergence-free star vector fields are Anosov.

**Theorem 2.1** ([8, Theorem 1]). *If  $X \in \mathcal{G}_\mu^1(M)$ , then  $Sing(X) = \emptyset$  and  $X$  is Anosov.*

A 3-dimensional proof of this result is presented in [4] and a version for 4-dimensional symplectic Hamiltonian vector fields can be found in [2].

In [8], it is also proved that a  $C^1$ -structurally stable divergence-free vector fields is Anosov.

**Theorem 2.2** ([8, Theorem 2]). *If  $X \in \mathfrak{X}_\mu^1(M)$  is  $C^1$ -structurally stable, then  $X$  is Anosov.*

Now, we state a more relaxed definition of hyperbolicity.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $X \in \mathfrak{X}^1(M)$  and let  $\Lambda \subset M$  be a compact,  $X^t$ -invariant and regular set. Assume that there exists a  $P_X^t$ -invariant splitting  $N = N^1 \oplus \cdots \oplus N^k$  over  $\Lambda$ , for  $1 \leq k \leq \dim(M) - 1$ , such that all the subbundles have constant dimension. This splitting is *dominated* if there exists  $\ell > 0$  such that, for any  $0 \leq i < j \leq k$ ,

$$\|P_X^\ell(x)|_{N_x^i}\| \cdot \|P_X^{-\ell}(X^\ell(x))|_{N_{X^\ell(x)}^j}\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \text{ for any } x \in \Lambda.$$

Note that a vector field with a dominated splitting structure is not necessarily uniformly hyperbolic.

The next result corresponds to a dichotomy for  $C^1$ -divergence-free vector fields.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $X \in \mathfrak{X}_\mu^1(M)$  and let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a small  $C^1$ -neighborhood of  $X$ . Then, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exist  $l > 0$  and  $\tau > 0$  such that, for any  $Y \in \mathcal{U}$  and any  $x \in \text{Per}(Y)$ , with period greater than  $\tau$ ,*

- *either  $P_Y^t$  admits an  $l$ -dominated splitting over the  $Y^t$ -orbit of  $x$ , or else*
- *for any neighborhood  $U$  of  $x$ , there exists an  $\epsilon$ - $C^1$ -perturbation  $\tilde{Y}$  of  $Y$ , coinciding with  $Y$  outside  $U$  and along the orbit of  $x$ , such that  $P_{\tilde{Y}}^{\pi(x)}(x)$  has only eigenvalues equal to 1 or  $-1$ , where  $\pi(x)$  stands for the period of  $x$ .*

The proof of this result follows the ideas stated in the proof of [3, Proposition 2.4].

Recall that a singularity  $p$  is *linear* if there exist smooth local coordinates around  $p$  such that  $X$  is linear and equal to  $DX_p$  in these coordinates (see [18, Definition 4.1]). The following result says that if the vector field has a linear hyperbolic singularity of saddle-type, then the linear Poincaré flow cannot admit a dominated splitting over the set of regular points of  $M$ .

**Proposition 2.4** ([18, Proposition 4.1]). *If  $X \in \mathfrak{X}^1(M)$  has a linear hyperbolic singularity of saddle-type, then  $P_X^t$  does not admit any dominated splitting over  $M \setminus \text{Sing}(X)$ .*

We remark that the proof of this proposition can be easily adapted to the divergence-free context. Hence, Proposition 2.4 remains valid for  $C^1$ -divergence-free vector fields.

The following lemma states that a singularity can be turned into a linear one, by performing a small perturbation on the vector field.

**Lemma 2.5** ([3, Lemma 3.3]). *Let  $p$  be a singularity of  $X \in \mathfrak{X}_\mu^1(M)$ . For any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $Y \in \mathfrak{X}_\mu^\infty(M)$  such that  $Y$  is  $\epsilon$ - $C^1$ -close to  $X$  and  $p$  is a linear hyperbolic singularity of  $Y$ .*

We end this section with a perturbation result due to Zuppa (see [19]). It allows us to  $C^1$ -approximate any divergence-free vector field by a smooth one, keeping the divergence-free property.

**Theorem 2.6.** *The set of  $C^\infty$ -divergence-free vector fields is  $C^1$ -dense in  $\mathfrak{X}_\mu^1(M)$ .*

### 3. Proof of Theorem 1

In this section, we split the proof of Theorem 1 in some lemmas. We already know that  $\mathcal{A}_\mu^1(M) \subset \mathcal{S}_\mu^1(M)$ , that  $\mathcal{A}_\mu^1(M) \subset \mathcal{E}_\mu^1(M)$  and that  $\mathcal{LS}_\mu^1(M) \subset \mathcal{S}_\mu^1(M)$ . So, by Theorem 2.1, it is enough to show that  $\text{int}(\mathcal{S}_\mu^1(M)) \subset \mathcal{G}_\mu^1(M)$  and  $\text{int}(\mathcal{E}_\mu^1(M)) \subset \mathcal{G}_\mu^1(M)$ . Hence, given that a flow satisfying the Lipschitz shadowing property is structurally stable (see [13]), Theorem 2.2 concludes the proof of Theorem 1.

Let us firstly prove that any divergence-free vector field in the  $C^1$ -interior of the set  $\mathcal{S}_\mu^1(M)$  has all the closed orbits hyperbolic. For this, we adapt the strategy described in [9], by Lee and Sakai. After this, we prove that a vector field with the described properties does not have singularities. Therefore, by Theorem 2.1,  $\text{int}(\mathcal{S}_\mu^1(M)) = \mathcal{A}_\mu^1(M)$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *If  $X \in \text{int}(\mathcal{S}_\mu^1(M))$ , then any closed orbit of  $X$  is hyperbolic.*

*Proof.* Fix  $X \in \text{int}(\mathcal{S}_\mu^1(M))$  and a  $C^1$ -neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $X$  in  $\mathcal{S}_\mu^1(M)$ . Let  $p$  be a point in a closed orbit  $\gamma$  of  $X$  with period  $\pi$  and  $U_p$  a small neighborhood of  $p$  on  $M$ . By contradiction, assume that there is an eigenvalue  $\sigma_0$  of  $P_X^\pi(p)$  satisfying  $|\sigma_0| = 1$ . Applying Zuppa's Theorem (Theorem 2.6), there exists a smooth vector field  $Y \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $Y^\pi(p) = p$  and  $P_Y^\pi(p)$  has an eigenvalue  $\sigma$  with  $|\sigma| = 1$ .

*Remark 3.1.* In fact,  $P_Y^\pi(p)$ , in the proof, may not have an eigenvalue  $\sigma$  with modulus 1. In this case, there exists  $\mathcal{W} \subset \mathcal{U}$  and  $Z \in \mathcal{W}$ , chosen  $C^1$ -arbitrarily close to  $Y$  and having an eigenvalue with modulus arbitrarily close to 1. So, by the Franks Lemma ([3, Lemma 3.2]), we can perform an  $\epsilon$ - $C^1$ -perturbation  $\tilde{Z} \in \mathcal{W}$  of  $Z$ , with arbitrarily small  $\epsilon > 0$ , such that  $P_{\tilde{Z}}^\pi(p)$  has an eigenvalue  $\bar{\sigma}$  with  $|\bar{\sigma}| = 1$ .

Accordingly with Moser's Theorem (see [12]), there is a smooth conservative change of coordinates  $\varphi_p : U_p \rightarrow T_p M$  such that  $\varphi_p(p) = \vec{0}$ . Recall that  $f_Y : \varphi_p^{-1}(N_p) \rightarrow \Sigma$  denotes the Poincaré map associated to  $Y^t$ , where  $\Sigma$  is a Poincaré section through  $p$ . Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a  $C^1$ -neighborhood of  $f_Y$ . By the Franks Lemma ([3, Lemma 3.2]), taking  $\mathcal{T}$  a small flowbox of  $Y^{[0, t_0]}(p)$ , with  $0 < t_0 < \pi$ , there are  $Z \in \mathcal{U}$ ,  $f_Z \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $\epsilon > 0$  such that:

- $Z^t(p) = Y^t(p)$  for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ;
- $P_Z^{t_0}(p) = P_Y^{t_0}(p)$ ;
- $Z|_{\mathcal{T}^c} = Y|_{\mathcal{T}^c}$ ;

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$$f_Z(x) = \begin{cases} \varphi_p^{-1} \circ P_Y^\pi(p) \circ \varphi_p(x), & x \in B_{\epsilon_0}(p) \cap \varphi_p^{-1}(N_p) \\ f_Y(x), & x \notin B_{4\epsilon_0}(p) \cap \varphi_p^{-1}(N_p), \end{cases}$$

where  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  is small.

Notice that  $P_Z^\pi(p)$  still has an eigenvalue  $\sigma$  with modulus 1. Firstly, assume that  $\sigma = 1$ , fix the associated non-zero eigenvector  $v$  such that  $\|v\| = \epsilon_0/2$  and define  $\mathcal{I}_v = \{sv : 0 \leq s \leq 1\}$ .

Since  $Z \in \mathcal{S}_\mu^1(M)$ , for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is  $\delta > 0$  such that any  $(\delta, T)$ -pseudo-orbit is  $\epsilon$ -shadowed by some orbit  $y$  of  $Z^t$  for  $T > 0$ . Fix  $0 < \epsilon < \frac{\epsilon_0}{4}$ . The idea now is to construct a  $(\delta, T)$ -pseudo-orbit of  $Z^t$ , adapting the strategy followed by Lee and Sakai in [9, Proposition A]. Let us present the highlights of that proof.

Let  $x_0 = p$  and  $t_0 = 0$ . Since  $p$  is a parabolic closed orbit, we construct a finite sequence  $\{(x_i, t_i)\}_{i=0}^I$ , where  $I \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $t_i > 0$  and  $x_i \in \varphi_p^{-1}(\mathcal{I}_v)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq I$  such that:

- $x_I = \varphi_p^{-1}(v)$ ;
- $\text{dist}(Z^t(f_Z(x_i)), Z^t(x_{i+1})) < \delta$  for  $|t| \leq T$  and  $0 \leq i \leq I-1$ ;
- $Z^{t_i}(x_i) = f_Z(x_i)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq I$ .

So, taking  $S_n = \sum_{i=0}^n t_i$  for  $0 \leq n \leq I$ , the map  $\psi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow M$  defined by

$$\psi(t) = \begin{cases} Z^t(x_0), & t < 0 \\ Z^{t-S_n}(x_{n+1}), & S_n \leq t < S_{n+1}, 0 \leq n \leq I-2 \\ Z^{t-S_{I-1}}(x_I), & t \geq S_{I-1}, \end{cases}$$

is a  $(\delta, T)$ -pseudo-orbit of  $Z^t$ . So, since  $Z \in \mathcal{U}$ , there is a reparametrization  $\alpha \in \text{Rep}(\epsilon)$  and a point  $y \in B_\epsilon(p) \cap \varphi_p^{-1}(N_{p,\epsilon})$  that  $\epsilon$ -shadows  $\psi$ . So,

$$\text{dist}(Z^{\alpha(t)}(y), \psi(t)) < \epsilon$$

for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Note that, since  $\sigma = 1$ ,

$$\text{dist}(x_0, x_I) = \text{dist}(p, \varphi_p^{-1}(v)) = \text{dist}(p, f_Z(\varphi_p^{-1}(v))) = \|v\| = \frac{\epsilon_0}{2} > 2\epsilon.$$

However, since  $Z$  has the shadowing property,

$$\text{dist}(x_0, x_I) \leq \text{dist}(x_0, Z^{\alpha(S_{I-1})}(y)) + \text{dist}(Z^{\alpha(S_{I-1})}(y), \psi(S_{I-1})) < 2\epsilon,$$

which is a contradiction.

Now, if  $|\sigma| = 1$  but  $\sigma \neq 1$ , we point out that, by the Franks Lemma ([3, Lemma 3.2]), we can find  $W \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $P_W^\pi(p)$  is a rational rotation. Then, there is  $T \neq 0$  such that  $P_W^{T+\pi}(p)$  has 1 as an eigenvalue. Therefore, reproducing the previous argument, we conclude that any closed orbit of  $X \in \text{int}(\mathcal{S}_\mu^1(M))$  is hyperbolic.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** *If  $X \in \text{int}(\mathcal{S}_\mu^1(M))$ , then  $\text{Sing}(X) = \emptyset$ .*

*Proof.* Fix  $X \in \text{int}(\mathcal{S}_\mu^1(M))$  and let  $\mathcal{U}$  be a  $C^1$ -neighborhood of  $X$  in  $\mathcal{S}_\mu^1(M)$ , small enough such that the dichotomy of Theorem 2.3 holds.

By contradiction, assume that  $\text{Sing}(X) \neq \emptyset$  and fix  $p \in \text{Sing}(X)$ . By Lemma 2.5, there is  $Y \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $p \in \text{Sing}(Y)$  is linear hyperbolic, and so of saddle-type. Hence, by Proposition 2.4,  $P_Y^t$  does not admit any dominated splitting over  $M \setminus \text{Sing}(Y)$ . However, since any closed orbit of  $Y$  is hyperbolic (Lemma 3.1), it is straightforward to see that, reproducing the techniques used in the proof of [8, Lemma 3.1],  $P_Y^t$  admits a dominated splitting over  $M \setminus \text{Sing}(Y)$ . Therefore,  $\text{Sing}(X) = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

Now, we prove that any divergence-free vector field in the  $C^1$ -interior of the set  $\mathcal{E}_\mu^1(M)$  has all the closed orbits hyperbolic. For this, we adapt the strategy described in [11], by Moriyasu, Sakai and Sun, to the divergence-free setting.

**Lemma 3.3.** *If  $X \in \text{int}(\mathcal{E}_\mu^1(M))$ , then any closed orbit of  $X$  is hyperbolic.*

*Proof.* Fix  $X \in \text{int}(\mathcal{E}_\mu^1(M))$  and a  $C^1$ -neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $X$  in  $\mathcal{E}_\mu^1(M)$ . Let  $p$  be a point in a closed orbit  $\gamma$  of  $X$  with period  $\pi$  and  $U_p$  a small neighborhood of  $p$  on  $M$ . By contradiction, assume that there is an eigenvalue  $\sigma_0$  of  $P_X^\pi(p)$  such that  $|\sigma_0| = 1$ . Applying Zuppa's Theorem (Theorem 2.6), there is  $Y \in \mathcal{U}$  such that  $Y \in \mathfrak{X}_\mu^\infty(M)$ ,  $Y^\pi(p) = p$  and  $P_Y^\pi(p)$  has an eigenvalue  $\sigma$  such that  $|\sigma| = 1$ , as explained in Remark 3.1.

Let  $\varphi$  and  $f_Y$  be as in the proof of Lemma 3.1 and fix a  $C^1$ -neighborhood  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $f_Y$ . By the Franks Lemma ([3, Lemma 3.2]), taking  $\mathcal{T}$  a small flowbox of  $Y^{[0, t_0]}(p)$ , with  $0 < t_0 < \pi$ , there are  $Z \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $f_Z \in \mathcal{V}$  such that:

- $Z^t(p) = Y^t(p)$  for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ;
- $P_Z^{t_0}(p) = P_Y^{t_0}(p)$ ;
- $Z|_{\mathcal{T}^c} = Y|_{\mathcal{T}^c}$ ;
- 

$$f_Z(x) = \begin{cases} \varphi_p^{-1} \circ P_Y^\pi(p) \circ \varphi_p(x), & x \in B_{\epsilon/4}(p) \cap \varphi_p^{-1}(N_p) \\ f_Y(x), & x \notin B_\epsilon(p) \cap \varphi_p^{-1}(N_p). \end{cases}$$

Observe that  $P_Z^\pi(p)$  still has an eigenvalue  $\sigma$  with modulus 1.

Since  $Z \in \mathcal{E}_\mu^1(M)$ , for a sufficiently small  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $0 < \delta < \epsilon$  such that, if  $x, y \in M$  satisfy  $\text{dist}(Z^t(x), Z^{\alpha(t)}(y)) \leq \delta$  for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and for some continuous map  $\alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\alpha(0) = 0$ , then  $y = Z^s(x)$ , where  $|s| \leq \epsilon$ . So, take  $0 < \delta' < \delta$  such that if  $x, y \in M$  satisfy  $\text{dist}(x, y) < \delta'$  then  $\text{dist}(Z^t(x), Z^t(y)) < \delta$  for any  $0 \leq t \leq \pi$ .

As shown in the proof of Lemma 3.1, it is enough to assume that the eigenvalue  $\sigma$  is equal to 1. Fix a non-zero eigenvector  $v$  associated to  $\sigma$  such that  $\|v\| < \delta'$ . Now, choose  $\varphi_p^{-1}(v) \in \varphi_p^{-1}(N_p) \setminus \{p\}$  and observe that

$$f_Z(\varphi_p^{-1}(v)) = \varphi_p^{-1} \circ P_Y^\pi(p) \circ \varphi_p(\varphi_p^{-1}(v)) = \varphi_p^{-1} \circ P_Y^\pi(p)(v) = \varphi_p^{-1}(v).$$

Thus,  $\text{dist}(p, \varphi_p^{-1}(v)) = \text{dist}(p, f_Z(\varphi_p^{-1}(v))) = \|v\| < \delta'$  and, by the choice of  $\delta'$ , we have that  $\text{dist}(Z^t(p), Z^t(\varphi_p^{-1}(v))) < \delta$  for every  $0 \leq t \leq \pi$ . Then, there



is a continuous function  $\alpha : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , with  $\alpha(0) = 0$ , such that

$$\text{dist}(Z^t(p), Z^{\alpha(t)}(\varphi_p^{-1}(v))) < \delta$$

for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $Z \in \mathcal{E}_\mu^1(M)$ , we have that  $\varphi_p^{-1}(v) = Z^s(p)$  for  $|s| \leq \epsilon$ . This is a contradiction, because  $\varphi_p^{-1}(v) \in \varphi_p^{-1}(N_p) \setminus \{p\}$ . Hence, any closed orbit of  $X$  in  $\text{int}(\mathcal{E}_\mu^1(M))$  is hyperbolic.  $\square$

We remark that, in [6, Lemma 1], Bowen and Walters prove that if  $p \in M$  is a singularity of an expansive vector field, then there is  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $B_\epsilon(p) = \{p\}$ . Therefore, since  $M$  is a connected manifold,  $M$  must be regular. So, in particular, if  $X \in \text{int}(\mathcal{E}_\mu^1(M))$ , then  $\text{Sing}(X) = \emptyset$ .

Hence, by Theorem 2.1,  $\text{int}(\mathcal{E}_\mu^1(M)) \subset \mathcal{A}_\mu^1(M)$ , which concludes the proof of Theorem 1.

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