



# Stably average shadowable homoclinic classes

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## ABSTRACT

Let  $p$  be a hyperbolic periodic saddle of a diffeomorphism of  $f$  on a closed smooth manifold  $M$ , and let  $H_f(p)$  be the homoclinic class of  $f$  containing  $p$ . In this paper, we show that if  $H_f(p)$  is locally maximal and every hyperbolic periodic point in  $H_f(p)$  is uniformly far away from being nonhyperbolic, and  $H_f(p)$  has the average shadowing property, then  $H_f(p)$  is hyperbolic.

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## 1. Introduction

It has been a main aim, as regards differentiable dynamical systems, for the last few decades, to understand the influence of a robust dynamic property on the behavior of the tangent map of the system. For instance, Mañé [3] proved that any robustly transitive diffeomorphism  $f$  of a closed surface  $S$  is an Anosov diffeomorphism. To study this problem, some people try to understand the influence of a robust dynamic property in systems with some shadowing properties, since these shadowing properties are closely related to the stability of systems (see [1,2,4–7]).

In this paper, we introduce the notion of the  $C^1$ -stably average shadowing property, and study the case where the homoclinic class has the stably average shadowing property.

Let us pass to the main definitions and results. Let  $M$  be a closed  $C^\infty$  Riemannian manifold. Denote by  $d$  the distance on  $M$  induced from a Riemannian metric  $\|\cdot\|$  on the tangent bundle  $TM$ . Let  $\text{Diff}(M)$  be the space of diffeomorphisms of  $M$  endowed with the  $C^1$ -topology. Let  $f : M \rightarrow M$  be a diffeomorphism. For  $\delta > 0$ , a sequence of points  $\{x_i\}_{i=a}^b$  ( $-\infty \leq a < b \leq \infty$ ) in  $M$  is called a  $\delta$ -pseudo-orbit of  $f$  if

$$d(f(x_i), x_{i+1}) < \delta$$

for all  $a \leq i \leq b-1$ . For  $\delta > 0$  a sequence  $\{x_i\}_{i=-\infty}^\infty$  in  $M$  is called a  $\delta$ -average pseudo-orbit of  $f \in \text{Diff}(M)$  if there is a natural number  $N = N(\delta) > 0$  such that for all  $n \geq N$ , and  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n d(f(x_{i+k}), x_{i+k+1}) < \delta.$$

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It is easy to see that a  $\delta$ -pseudo-orbit is always a  $\delta$ -average pseudo-orbit. We say that  $f$  has the average shadowing property or is *average shadowable* if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that every  $\delta$ -average pseudo-orbit  $\{x_i\}_{i=-\infty}^{\infty}$  is  $\epsilon$ -shadowed in average by some  $z \in M$ , that is,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n d(f^i(z), x_i) < \epsilon.$$

Let  $\Lambda \subset M$  be a closed  $f$ -invariant set. We say that  $f|_{\Lambda}$  has the average shadowing property if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that any  $\delta$ -average pseudo-orbit  $\{x_i\}_{i=a}^b \subset \Lambda$  of  $f$  is  $\epsilon$ -shadowed in average by some  $z \in \Lambda$ .

Let  $f \in \text{Diff}(M)$ , and let  $\Lambda \subset M$  be a closed  $f$ -invariant set. We say that  $\Lambda$  is locally maximal if there is a compact neighborhood  $U$  of  $\Lambda$  such that

$$\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} f^n(U) = \Lambda(U).$$

Note that  $f$  has the average shadowing property if and only if  $f^n$  has the average shadowing property for  $n > 0$ .

It is well known that if  $p$  is a hyperbolic periodic point  $f$  with period  $k$  then the sets

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

and

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

are  $C^1$ -injectively immersed submanifolds of  $M$ .

Every point in the set  $W^s(p) \cap W^u(p)$  is called a *homoclinic point* of  $f$ . The closure of the homoclinic points of  $f$  associated with  $p$  is called the *homoclinic class* of  $f$  and it is denoted by  $H_f(p)$ :

$$H_f(p) = \overline{W^s(p) \cap W^u(p)}.$$

Let  $\Lambda \subset M$  be an  $f$ -invariant closed set. We say that  $\Lambda$  admits a *dominated splitting* if the tangent bundle  $T_{\Lambda}M$  has a continuous  $Df$ -invariant splitting  $T_{\Lambda}M = E^s \oplus E^u$ , and there exist constants  $C > 0$  and  $0 < \lambda < 1$  such that

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

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

**Remark 1.1.** An equivalent statement is the following: There are constants  $m > 0$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  such that

$$\|Df^m|_{E(x)}\| / m(Df^m|_{F(x)}) < \lambda^2,$$

for every  $x \in \Lambda$ .

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  $\|D_x f^n|_{E_x^s}\| \leq C\lambda^n$  and  $\|D_x f^{-n}|_{E_x^u}\| \leq C\lambda^{-n}$  for all  $x \in \Lambda$  and  $n \geq 0$ .

In the article, we prove the following conclusion:

**Theorem A.** Suppose the homoclinic class  $H_f(p)$  is locally maximal and satisfies the following properties:

- $H_f(p)$  admits a dominated splitting  $T_{H_f(p)}M = E \oplus F$  with  $\dim E = \dim W^s(p)$ ,
- there are constants  $K > 0$ ,  $m > 0$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$  such that if  $q \in H_f(p)$  has minimum period  $\pi(q) \geq m$ , then

$$\prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \|D_{f^{im}(q)} f^m|_{E^s|_{f^{im}(q)}}\| < K\lambda^k \quad \text{and} \quad \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \|D_{f^{-im}(q)} f^m|_{E^u|_{f^{-im}(q)}}\| < K\lambda^k,$$

where  $k = [\pi(q)/m]$ ,

- $f$  has the average shadowing property on  $H_f(p)$ ;

then  $H_f(p)$  is hyperbolic for  $f$ .

Actually, the above theorem comes from the consideration of the so-called  $C^1$ -stably average shadowable homoclinic class.

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $\Lambda$  be a closed  $f$ -invariant set. We say that an  $f \in \text{Diff}(M)$  has the  $C^1$ -stably average shadowing property on  $\Lambda$  or  $\Lambda$  is  $C^1$ -stably average shadowable if there exist a  $C^1$ -neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}(f)$  of  $f$  and a compact neighborhood  $U$  of  $\Lambda$  such that:

- $\Lambda(U) = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} f^n(U)$ , i.e.,  $\Lambda$  is locally maximal;
- for any  $g \in \mathcal{U}(f)$ ,  $g|_{\Lambda_g(U)}$  has the average shadowing property, where  $\Lambda_g(U) = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} g^n(U)$ , which is called the continuation of  $\Lambda(U)$ .

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