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# Generic diffeomorphisms with weak limit shadowing

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## Abstract

In this paper, we show that if a  $C^1$ -generic diffeomorphism has the weak limit shadowing property on the chain recurrent set, then the diffeomorphism satisfies Axiom A and the no-cycle condition.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $M$  be a closed  $C^\infty$  manifold, and let  $\text{Diff}(M)$  be the space of diffeomorphisms of  $M$  endowed with the  $C^1$ -topology. Denote by  $d$  the distance on  $M$  induced from a Riemannian metric  $\|\cdot\|$  on the tangent bundle  $TM$ . Let  $f \in \text{Diff}(M)$  and  $\Lambda$  be a closed  $f$ -invariant set. For  $\delta > 0$ , a sequence of points  $\{x_i\}_{i=a}^b$  ( $-\infty < a < b < \infty$ ) in  $M$  is called a  $\delta$ -pseudo orbit of  $f$  if  $d(f(x_i), x_{i+1}) < \delta$  for all  $a \leq i \leq b-1$ .

We say that  $f$  has the *shadowing property* on  $\Lambda$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is  $\delta > 0$  such that for any  $\delta$ -pseudo orbit  $\{x_i\}_{i=a}^b \subset \Lambda$  of  $f$  ( $-\infty < a < b < \infty$ ), there is a point  $y \in M$  such that  $d(f^i(y), x_i) < \epsilon$  for all  $a \leq i \leq b-1$ . In the dynamical systems, the shadowing theory is a very useful notion. In fact, it deals with the stability theorem (see [1]). For instance, Robinson [2] proved that if a diffeomorphism  $f$  is structurally stable, then it has the shadowing property. In [3] Sakai showed that  $f$  belongs to the  $C^1$ -interior of the shadowing property if and only if  $f$  is structurally stable. In this paper, we deal with another shadowing property, that is, the weak limit shadowing property which was studied by [4].

We say that  $f$  has the *weak limit shadowing property* on  $\Lambda$  (or  $\Lambda$  is *weak limit shadowable* for  $f$ ) if there exists a  $\delta > 0$  with the following property: if a sequence  $\{x_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \Lambda$  is a  $\delta$ -pseudo orbit of  $f$ , for which relations  $d(f(x_i), x_{i+1}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $i \rightarrow +\infty$  and  $d(f^{-1}(x_{i+1}), x_i) \rightarrow 0$  as  $i \rightarrow -\infty$  hold, then there is a point  $y \in M$  such that  $d(f^i(y), x_i) \rightarrow 0$  as  $i \rightarrow \pm\infty$ . Note that if  $f$  has the limit shadowing property, then  $f$  has the weak limit shadowing property. But the converse is not true (see [4, Example 4]). Denote by  $P(f)$  the set of periodic points of  $f$ . Then  $P(f) \subset \Omega(f) \subset \mathcal{R}(f)$ , where  $\Omega(f)$  is the set of non-wandering points of  $f$ , and  $\mathcal{R}(f)$  is the set of chain recurrent points of  $f$ . Note that if  $f$  satisfies Axiom A and the no-cycle condition, then  $\Omega(f) = \mathcal{R}(f)$ . We say that  $f$  has the *s-limit shadowing property* on  $\Lambda$  if for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that for any  $\delta$ -limit pseudo orbit  $\xi = \{x_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \Lambda$ , there is a point  $y \in M$  such that  $d(f^i(y), x_i) < \epsilon$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $d(f^i(y), x_i) \rightarrow 0$  as  $i \rightarrow \pm\infty$ . Clearly, the weak limit shadowing property is a weak notion of the *s-limit shadowing property*. 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

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

for all  $x \in \Lambda$  and  $n \geq 0$ . If  $\Lambda = M$ , then  $f$  is Anosov. Very recently, Sakai [5] showed that if a  $C^1$ -generic diffeomorphism  $f$  has the  $s$ -limit shadowing property on  $\mathcal{R}(f)$ , then  $f$  satisfies Axiom A and the no-cycle condition. The result is motivation for this study. The main theorem of the paper is as follows.

**Theorem 1.1** *For  $C^1$ -generic  $f$ , if  $f$  has the weak limit shadowing property on  $\mathcal{R}(f)$ , then  $f$  satisfies Axiom A and the no-cycle condition.*

## 2 Proof of Theorem 1.1

Let  $M$  be as before and  $f \in \text{Diff}(M)$ . Let  $p \in P(f)$  be a hyperbolic saddle with period  $\pi(p) > 0$ . The stable manifold  $W^s(p)$  and the unstable manifold  $W^u(p)$  are defined as follows. It is well known that if  $p$  is a hyperbolic periodic point of  $f$  with a period  $k$ , then the sets

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

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

are  $C^1$ -injectively immersed submanifolds of  $M$ . Let  $p, q \in P(f)$  be saddles. Let  $P(f)$  be the set of periodic points of  $f$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{O}_f(p)$  the periodic  $f$ -orbit of  $p \in P(f)$ . We denote  $p \sim q$  if the intersections  $W^s(\mathcal{O}_f(p)) \cap W^u(\mathcal{O}_f(q)) \neq \emptyset$  and  $W^u(\mathcal{O}_f(p)) \cap W^s(\mathcal{O}_f(q)) \neq \emptyset$ . Then we know that if  $p \sim q$ , then  $\text{index}(p) = \text{index}(q)$ . Here  $\text{index}(p)$  is the dimension of the stable manifold of  $p$ , that is,  $\dim W^s(p)$ .

**Proposition 2.1** *There is a residual set  $\mathcal{G}_1 \subset \text{Diff}(M)$  such that for any  $f \in \mathcal{G}_1$ , if  $f|_{\mathcal{R}(f)}$  has the weak limit shadowing property, then for any saddles  $p, q \in P(f)$ ,  $\text{index}(p) = \text{index}(q)$ .*

To prove Proposition 2.1, we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.2** *Let  $p, q \in P(f)$  be saddles. If  $f$  has the weak limit shadowing property on  $\mathcal{R}(f)$ , then  $W^s(\mathcal{O}_f(p)) \cap W^u(\mathcal{O}_f(q)) \neq \emptyset$ .*

*Proof* Suppose that  $f$  has the weak limit shadowing property on  $\mathcal{R}(f)$ . For any saddles  $p, q \in P(f)$ , we show that  $W^u(\mathcal{O}_f(p)) \cap W^s(\mathcal{O}_f(q)) \neq \emptyset$ . For the sake of simplicity, we may assume that  $f(p) = p$  and  $f(q) = q$ . Let  $\delta > 0$  be the number of the weak limit shadowing property of  $f$  such that  $d(p, q) < \delta$ . We construct  $\delta$ -limit pseudo orbit  $\xi = \{x_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathcal{R}(f)$  as follows. (i)  $x_0 = p$ , (ii)  $x_{-i} = f^{-i}(p)$  for all  $i > 0$ , (iii)  $x_i = f^i(q)$  for all  $i \geq 1$ . Then the  $\delta$ -limit pseudo orbit

$$\xi = \{\dots, x_{-1}, p = (x_0), q (= x_1), x_2, \dots\} = \{\dots, p, p, q, q, \dots\},$$

and it is clear that  $\xi \subset \mathcal{R}(f)$ . Since  $f$  has the weak shadowing property on  $\mathcal{R}(f)$ , there is a point  $y \in M$  such that  $d(f^i(y), x_i) \rightarrow 0$  as  $i \rightarrow \pm\infty$ . Then  $f^i(y) \rightarrow p$  as  $i \rightarrow -\infty$  and  $f^{1+i}(y) \rightarrow q$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence,  $y \in W^s(p)$  and  $f(y) \in W^s(q)$ . Thus,  $W^u(p) \cap W^s(q) \neq \emptyset$ .  $\square$

The following is called the Kupka-Smale theorem.

**Lemma 2.3** *There is a residual set  $\mathcal{G}_1 \subset \text{Diff}(M)$  such that for any  $f \in \mathcal{G}_1$ , every periodic point is hyperbolic, and the stable manifolds and the unstable manifolds of periodic points are all transverse.*

*Proof of Proposition 2.1* Let  $f \in \mathcal{G}_1$ , and let  $p, q \in P(f)$  be saddles. Suppose that  $f$  has the weak limit shadowing property on  $\mathcal{R}(f)$ . Let  $\delta > 0$  be the number of the weak limit shadowing property of  $f$  such that  $d(p, q) < \delta$ . Then we will derive a contradiction, we may assume that  $\text{index}(p) \neq \text{index}(q)$ . Then we know that  $\dim W^s(p) + \dim W^u(q) < \dim M$  or  $\dim W^u(p) + \dim W^s(q) < \dim M$ . In this proof, we consider that  $\dim W^s(p) + \dim W^u(q) < \dim M$  (the other case is similar). Since  $f \in \mathcal{G}_1$ ,  $W^s(p) \cap W^u(q) = \emptyset$ . Since  $f$  has the weak limit shadowing property on  $\mathcal{R}(f)$ , by Lemma 2.2,  $W^s(p) \cap W^u(q) \neq \emptyset$ . This is a contradiction.  $\square$

Let  $p \in P(f)$  be a hyperbolic saddle with a period  $\pi(p) > 0$ . Then there are the local stable manifold  $W_\epsilon^s(p)$  and the unstable manifold  $W_\epsilon^u(p)$  of  $p$  for some  $\epsilon = \epsilon(p) > 0$ . It is easily seen that if  $d(f^n(x), f^n(p)) \leq \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq 0$ , then  $x \in W_\epsilon^s(p)$ , and if  $d(f^n(x), f^n(p)) \leq \epsilon$  for all  $n \leq 0$ , then  $x \in W_\epsilon^u(p)$ . The following lemma shows that if  $f$  has the  $s$ -limit shadowing property on  $\mathcal{R}(f)$ , then the numbers of sinks and sources are finite (see [5, Lemma 2]). From the above facts, we show that if  $f$  has the weak limit shadowing property on  $\mathcal{R}(f)$ , then the numbers of sinks and sources are finite.

**Lemma 2.4** *Let  $f$  have the weak limit shadowing property on  $\mathcal{R}(f)$ , and let  $\delta > 0$  be the number of the weak limit shadowing property of  $f$ . For any saddle  $q \in P(f)$ , if  $p \in P(f)$  is a sink or a source, then  $d(p, q) \geq \delta$ .*

*Proof* We will derive a contradiction. Suppose that  $q \in P(f)$  is a saddle and  $p \in P(f)$  is a sink with  $d(p, q) < \delta$ . For the sake of simplicity, we may assume that  $f(p) = p, f(q) = q$ . Since  $q$  is a saddle, there is  $\epsilon(q) > 0$  such that if for any  $x \in M$ ,  $d(f^i(x), f^i(q)) \leq \epsilon(q)$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $x \in W_{\epsilon(q)}^s(q)$ , and if  $x \in M$ ,  $d(f^i(x), f^i(q)) \leq \epsilon(q)$  as  $i \rightarrow -\infty$ , then  $x \in W_{\epsilon(q)}^u(q)$ . Then we may assume that  $d(p, q) > \epsilon(q)$ . Then we construct a  $\delta$ -limit pseudo orbit  $\xi = \{x_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \subset \mathcal{R}(f)$  as follows. Put  $x_{-i} = f^{-i}(p)$  for  $i \geq 0$  and  $x_i = f^i(q)$  for  $i \geq 1$ . Then  $\xi = \{x_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is clearly a  $\delta$ -limit pseudo orbit of  $f$ , and  $\xi \subset \mathcal{R}(f)$ . Since  $f$  has the weak limit shadowing property on  $\mathcal{R}(f)$ , there is a point  $y \in M$  such that  $d(f^i(y), x_i) \rightarrow 0$  as  $i \rightarrow \pm\infty$ . Since  $p$  is a sink,  $d(f^{-i}(y), x_{-i}) = d(f^{-i}(y), p) \rightarrow 0$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ . Then  $y = p$ . Since  $d(f^i(y), x_i) = d(f^i(y), q) \rightarrow 0$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , there is  $k > 0$  such that  $d(f^{k+i}(y), f^{k+i}(q)) = d(f^{k+i}(y), q) \leq \epsilon(q)$  for  $i \geq 0$ . Then  $f^k(y) \in W_{\epsilon(q)}^s(q)$ . Since  $y = p$ , we know that  $d(p, q) \leq \epsilon(q)$ . This is a contradiction.  $\square$

Let  $p$  be a periodic point of  $f$ , and let  $0 < \delta < 1$ . We say  $p$  has a  $\delta$ -weak eigenvalue provided  $D_p f^{\pi(p)}$  has an eigenvalue  $\lambda$  such that  $(1 - \delta)^{\pi(p)} < |\lambda| < (1 + \delta)^{\pi(p)}$ . We say that the periodic point has a real spectrum if all of its eigenvalues are real and a simple spectrum if all of its eigenvalues have multiplicity one. The following lemma will play a crucial role in our proof.

**Lemma 2.5** [6, Lemma 5.1] *There is a residual set  $\mathcal{G}_2 \subset \text{Diff}(M)$  such that for any  $f \in \mathcal{G}_2$ ,*

- (a) for any  $\eta > 0$ , if for any  $C^1$ -neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}(f)$  of  $f$ , there exist  $g \in \mathcal{U}(f)$  and  $p_g, q_g \in P(g)$  with the same period such that  $d(p_g, q_g) < \eta$ , then there exist  $p, q \in P(f)$  with the same period such that  $d(p, q) < \eta$ ;
- (b) for any  $\eta > 0$ , if for any  $C^1$ -neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}(f)$  of  $f$ , there exist  $g \in \mathcal{U}(f)$  and  $p_g \in P(g)$  with an  $\eta$ -weak eigenvalue, then there exist  $p \in P(f)$  with a  $2\eta$ -weak eigenvalue;
- (c) for any  $\eta > 0$ , if  $q \in P(f)$  with an  $\eta$ -weak eigenvalue and a real spectrum, then there exists  $p \in P(f)$  with an  $\eta$ -weak eigenvalue with a simple real spectrum.

**Lemma 2.6** [7, Lemma 5.1] *There is a residual set  $\mathcal{G}_3 \subset \text{Diff}(M)$  such that for any  $f \in \mathcal{G}_3$ , for any  $\eta > 0$ , if for any  $C^1$ -neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}(f)$  of  $f$ , there exist  $g \in \mathcal{U}(f)$  and  $p_g, q_g \in P(g)$  with the same period such that  $d(p_g, q_g) < \eta$  with different indices, then there exist  $p, q \in P(f)$  with the same period such that  $d(p, q) < \eta$  with different indices.*

The following so-called Franks lemma will play an essential role in our proof.

**Lemma 2.7** *Let  $\mathcal{U}(f)$  be any given  $C^1$ -neighborhood of  $f$ . Then there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  and a  $C^1$ -neighborhood  $\mathcal{U}_0(f) \subset \mathcal{U}(f)$  of  $f$  such that for given  $g \in \mathcal{U}_0(f)$ , a finite set  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$ , a neighborhood  $U$  of  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$  and linear maps  $L_i : T_{x_i}M \rightarrow T_{g(x_i)}M$  satisfying  $\|L_i - D_{x_i}g\| \leq \epsilon$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq N$ , there exists  $g' \in \mathcal{U}(f)$  such that  $g'(x) = g(x)$  if  $x \in \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\} \cup (M \setminus U)$  and  $D_{x_i}g' = L_i$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq N$ .*

If  $p \in P(f)$  is hyperbolic, then for any  $g \in \mathcal{U}(f)$ , there is a unique hyperbolic periodic point  $p_g \in P(g)$  nearby  $p$  such that  $\pi(p_g) = \pi(p)$  and  $\text{index}(p_g) = \text{index}(p)$ , where  $\text{index} = \dim W^s(p)$ . Such a  $p_g$  is called the *continuation* of  $p$ .

**Lemma 2.8** *There is a residual set  $\mathcal{G}_4 \subset \text{Diff}(M)$  such that for any  $f \in \mathcal{G}_4$ , if  $f$  has the weak limit shadowing property on  $\mathcal{R}(f)$ , then there is  $\eta > 0$  such that  $f$  has no  $\eta$ -weak eigenvalue.*

*Proof* Let  $f \in \mathcal{G}_4 = \mathcal{G}_2 \cap \mathcal{G}_3$ . To derive a contradiction, we may assume that for any  $\eta > 0$ , there is a hyperbolic periodic point  $q_g$  of  $g$  ( $C^1$ -nearby  $f$ ) such that  $q_g$  has an  $\eta$ -weak eigenvalue and a simple real spectrum. Let  $\delta > 0$  be the number of the weak limit shadowing property of  $f$  such that  $0 < \eta < \delta/2$ . For the sake of simplicity, we assume that  $q_g$  is a fixed point. By Lemma 2.7, there is  $h$   $C^1$ -close to  $g$  and  $h$   $C^1$ -nearby  $f$  such that  $q_h$  has 1 as an eigenvalue. By Lemma 2.7 and as in the proof of [8, Lemma 2.4], we can construct an  $h^l$  ( $l > 0$ )-invariant small arc  $\mathcal{I}_{q_h}$  of  $h^l$  containing  $q_h$  such that  $d(p_h, r_h) < \eta$ , where  $p_h, r_h$  are the end points of  $\mathcal{I}_{q_h}$ ,  $h^l(p_h) = p_h$ ,  $h^l(r_h) = r_h$  and  $p_h, r_h$  are hyperbolic saddles and different indices. Since  $f \in \mathcal{G}_4$ , there exist  $p, r \in P(f)$  with the same period such that  $d(p, r) < \eta$  with different indices. Since  $f$  has the weak limit shadowing property on  $\mathcal{R}(f)$ , and by Lemma 2.4,  $p, r \in P(f)$  are saddles. Since  $d(p, r) < \delta$ , by Proposition 2.1, we know that  $\text{index}(p) = \text{index}(r)$ . But, since  $\text{index}(p) \neq \text{index}(r)$ , this is a contradiction.  $\square$

Denote by  $\mathcal{F}(M)$  the  $C^1$ -interior of the set of diffeomorphisms of  $M$  whose periodic points are all hyperbolic. In [9], Hayashi showed that if  $f \in \mathcal{F}(M)$ , then  $f$  satisfies Axiom A and the no-cycle condition. To prove Theorem 1.1, it is enough to show  $f \in \mathcal{F}(M)$ .

*End of proof of Theorem 1.1* Let  $f \in \mathcal{G}_4$ , and let  $f$  have the weak limit shadowing property on  $\mathcal{R}(f)$ . If not, then  $f \notin \mathcal{F}(M)$ . There is  $g$   $C^1$ -closed to  $f$  and a non-hyperbolic periodic

point  $p_g$  such that the point  $p_g$  has an  $\eta/2$  weak eigenvalue. Since  $f \in \mathcal{G}_4$ , there is  $p \in P(f)$  such that  $p$  has an  $\eta$ -weak eigenvalue. By Lemma 2.8, this is a contradiction.  $\square$

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