

# Approximate solutions of cohomological equations associated with some Anosov flows

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*Abstract.* The Livshitz theorem reported in 1971 asserts that any  $C^1$  function having zero integrals over *all* periodic orbits of a topologically transitive Anosov flow is a derivative of another  $C^1$  function in the direction of the flow. Similar results for functions of higher differentiability have also appeared since. In this paper we prove a 'finite version' of the Livshitz theorem for a certain class of Anosov flows on 3-dimensional manifolds which include geodesic flows on negatively curved surfaces as a special case.

## 1. Notations and statement of the main result

Let  $X$  be a compact 3-manifold. A flow  $\{\psi^t\}(t \in \mathbb{R})$  on  $X$  is called *contact* if it preserves a contact form  $\Omega$ , i.e. a differential 1-form such that  $\Omega \wedge d\Omega \neq 0$ . In this paper we will be concerned with  $C^\infty$  contact Anosov flows. A primary example of such a flow is a geodesic flow on SM, the unit tangent bundle to a compact surface  $M$  provided with a Riemannian metric of negative curvature. We shall introduce some notations and list basic facts about contact Anosov flows.

F1. A flow  $\{\psi^t\}$  is *Anosov*, if there exists a continuous  $D\psi^t$ -invariant splitting of the tangent bundle to  $X$

$$TX = E^0 \oplus E^s \oplus E^u,$$

where  $E^0$ ,  $E^s$  and  $E^u$  are one-dimensional distributions spanned by unit vector fields  $\xi^0$ ,  $\xi^s$  and  $\xi^u$ , and for any Riemannian metric there exist constants  $a_1$ ,  $b_1$ ,  $\alpha > 0$  such that for all  $x \in X$  and any positive real number  $t$

$$\begin{aligned} \|D\psi^t \xi^s(x)\| &\leq a_1 e^{-\alpha t}, \\ \|D\psi^t \xi^u(x)\| &\geq b_1 e^{\alpha t}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

Here  $D$  denotes the differential of the flow, and the norm of a tangent vector is defined by the Riemannian metric on  $X$ . We shall also need the estimates on the other side which hold for any smooth flow: there exist constants  $a_2$ ,  $b_2$ ,  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $x \in X$  and any positive real number  $t$

$$\begin{aligned} \|D\psi^t \xi^s(x)\| &\geq a_2 e^{-\delta t}, \\ \|D\psi^t \xi^u(x)\| &\leq b_2 e^{\delta t}. \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

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Let us denote

$$\chi^s(x, t) = \|D\psi^t \xi^s(x)\|, \quad \chi^u(x, t) = \|D\psi^t \xi^u(x)\|.$$

Let  $-\lambda(x, t)$  and  $\mu(x, t)$  be the logarithmic derivatives of the functions  $\chi^s(x, t)$  and  $\chi^u(x, t)$ , i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \chi^s(x, t)}{\partial t} &= -\lambda(x, t) \chi^s(x, t) \\ \frac{\partial \chi^u(x, t)}{\partial t} &= \mu(x, t) \chi^u(x, t). \end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(x, t) &= -\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|D\psi^{\tau} \xi^s(\psi^t x)\| - 1}{\tau} = \Lambda(\psi^t x), \\ \mu(x, t) &= \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|D\psi^{\tau} \xi^u(\psi^t x)\| - 1}{\tau} = M(\psi^t x). \end{aligned}$$

The integral curves of  $E^0$  are the orbits of the flow  $\{\psi^t\}$ . The integral curves of the distribution  $E^s$  ( $E^u$ ) form the *stable* (*unstable*) foliation which is denoted by  $\sigma^s$  ( $\sigma^u$ ). We denote the distance on  $X$  by  $d$ , and the distance along the leaves of the foliations  $\sigma^s$  and  $\sigma^u$  by  $d^s$  and  $d^u$  respectively.

F2. A contact Anosov flow  $\{\psi^t\}$  preserves the measure on  $X$  defined by the volume element  $\Omega \wedge d\Omega$ , which is sometimes called the Liouville measure. We assume that a Riemannian metric on  $X$  is chosen in such a way that the Riemannian volume on  $X$  coincides with the Liouville measure.

F3. A contact Anosov flow  $\{\psi^t\}$  is topologically transitive, and each leaf of the foliations  $\sigma^s$  and  $\sigma^u$  is uniformly dense, i.e. for any  $\rho > 0$  there exists  $N > 0$  such that for any  $x \in X$ , any  $M \geq N$  and  $i \in \{s, u\}$   $D^i_M(x) = \{z \in \sigma^i(x) \mid d^i(x, z) < M\}$  is  $\rho$ -dense in  $X$ , i.e. intersects every ball in  $X$  of radius  $\rho$  [1].

F4. The distributions  $E^s$  and  $E^u$  (and therefore foliations  $\sigma^s$  and  $\sigma^u$ ) are of class  $C^{2-\varepsilon}$  for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  [6]. In fact, we only use that they are  $C^1$ . The latter fact for geodesic flows was known already to Hopf [4, § 14], [5, § 7]. It follows that  $\Lambda(x), M(x) \in C^1(X)$ .

We denote the operators of differentiation in the directions of  $\xi^0, \xi^s$  and  $\xi^u$  by  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}_0, \mathcal{D}_s$  and  $\mathcal{D}_u$  respectively. Let  $\alpha^0, \alpha^s$  and  $\alpha^u$  be differential 1-forms dual to the vector fields  $\xi^0, \xi^s$  and  $\xi^u$ :

$$\alpha^i(\xi^j) = \delta_{ij}, \quad \text{for } i, j \in \{0, s, u\}.$$

Hereafter  $C$  and  $K$  with various subscripts will denote positive constants which may depend on the manifold  $X$ . The dependence on a parameter, if any, will be specified.

**THEOREM 1.1.** (Finite Livshitz Theorem.) *Let  $X$  be a compact 3-manifold,  $\{\psi^t\}$  be a contact Anosov flow on  $X$ , and  $T > 0$ . Then for any  $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < \alpha/\delta$  there exists a constant  $C(\lambda)$  such that if  $f \in C^2(X), \|f\|_{C^2} = 1$ , and  $\int_{[a,b]} f dt = 0$  for all periodic orbits  $[o]$  of  $\{\psi^t\}$  of length  $\leq T$ , then there exist  $F, h \in C^{1+\lambda}(X)$  such that  $f = \mathcal{D}F + h$ , and  $\|h\|_{C^1} \leq C(\lambda) T^{-\lambda/(3-\lambda)}$ .*

*Remarks.* 1. Notice that a weak form of Theorem 1.1 (without an explicit estimate of how  $\|h\|_{C^1}$  tends to 0 as  $T \rightarrow \infty$ ) follows immediately from the Livshitz theorem [7] and the fact that the unit sphere in  $C^2$  is compact in  $C^1$  (the Ascoli-Arzelà Theorem).

2. For results similar to the Livshitz theorem for functions of higher differentiability see [3], [8] and [6].

**2. Construction of a Hölder continuous differential form on  $X$**

Let us fix a Riemannian metric on  $X$  as in (F2), and define the following functions

$$k^0(x) = f(x), \quad k^s(x) = -\int_0^\infty \mathcal{D}_s f(\psi^t x) \chi^s(x, t) dt, \quad k^u(x) = -\int_0^\infty \mathcal{D}_u f(\psi^t x) \chi^u(x, t) dt.$$

It follows from (1.1) and (1.2) that these integrals converge. We define a differential 1-form  $\omega_f = \omega$  associated to the function  $f$  by the formula  $\omega = \omega^0 + \omega^s + \omega^u$ , where  $\omega^0 = k^0(x)\alpha^0, \omega^s = k^s(x)\alpha^s, \omega^u = k^u(x)\alpha^u$ . For notational simplicity in most cases we will suppress the dependence  $\omega_f$  on  $f$ . The following theorem holds for all contact Anosov flows.

**THEOREM 2.1.** *The differential form  $\omega_f$  satisfies a Hölder condition of order  $\lambda$  for any  $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < 1$ .*

*Proof.* In view of (F4), it is sufficient to prove that each form  $\omega^0, \omega^s$  and  $\omega^u$  satisfy a Hölder condition, i.e. that for any  $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < 1$ , there exists  $C_0(\lambda) > 0$  such that for  $i, j \in \{0, s, u\}$  and  $x' \in \sigma^i(x)$   $|k^i(x) - k^i(x')| \leq C_0(\lambda) d^j(x, x')^\lambda$ . We shall make calculations for  $i = s$  and leave the other cases to the reader. Let  $d^j(x, x') = d$ . If  $j = 0, s$  we choose  $T = T(x)$  such that

$$\chi^s(x, T(x)) = d. \tag{2.1}$$

If  $j = u$  we choose  $T = T(x)$  such that

$$d^u(\psi^T x, \psi^T x') = 1. \tag{2.2}$$

Let us parametrize the piece of the leaf  $\sigma^u(x)$  between  $x$  and  $x'$  by a parameter  $u$  as follows:  $u(x) = 0, u(x') = d^u(x, x'), x'' \in [x, x'], x'' \in \sigma^u(x)$ , and let  $l(u, t) = d^u(\psi^t x, \psi^t x')$ .

It follows from (1.1) and (1.2) that

$$a_2 e^{-\delta(T-t)} \leq d^u(\psi^t x, \psi^t x') \leq a_1 e^{-\alpha(T-t)}.$$

It follows from (1.3) that for any  $x'' \in [x, x']$

$$\chi^s(x'', t) = \exp \int_0^t -\lambda(x'', \tau) d\tau. \tag{2.3}$$

Therefore

$$\frac{\chi^s(x'', t)}{\chi^s(x, t)} = \exp \int_0^t (\lambda(x, \tau) - \lambda(x'', \tau)) d\tau \leq \exp C_1 \int_0^t d^u(\psi^\tau x, \psi^\tau x'') d\tau.$$

For our choice of  $T$ , (2.2), we have for  $0 \leq t \leq T$ :

$$\int_0^t d^u(\psi^\tau x, \psi^\tau x'') d\tau \leq C_2,$$

and therefore  $\chi^s(x'', t)/\chi^s(x, t) \leq C_3$ . The same argument shows that

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$\chi^s(x, t)/\chi^s(x', t) \leq C_3$ . Hence

$$C_3^{-1} \leq \frac{\chi^s(x'', t)}{\chi^s(x, t)} \leq C_3 \tag{2.4}$$

for  $0 \leq t \leq T$  and any  $x'' \in [x, x']$ . Since the flow  $\{\psi^t\}$  preserves the Liouville measure (F2), we have  $C_4^{-1} \leq \chi^s(x'', t)\chi^u(x', t) \leq C_4$ , and therefore

$$C_5^{-1} \leq \frac{\chi^u(x'', T)}{\chi^u(x, T)} \leq C_5.$$

We have  $\partial l(u(x''), t)/\partial u = \|D\psi^t \xi^u(x'')\| = \chi^u(x'', t)$ , and

$$1 = d^u(\psi^T x, \psi^T x') = l(d, T) = \int_0^d \frac{\partial l}{\partial u}(u, T) du \leq C_6 d \chi^u(x, T) = C_7 d (\chi^s(x, T))^{-1}, \tag{2.5}$$

which implies

$$\chi^s(x, T) \leq C_7 d, \chi^s(x', T) \leq C_8 d. \tag{2.6}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} |k^s(x) - k^s(x')| &= \left| \int_0^\infty (\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x))\chi^s(x, t) - \mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))\chi^s(x', t)) dt \right| \\ &\leq \int_0^\infty |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x)) - \mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \chi^s(x, t) dt \\ &\quad + \int_0^\infty |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \cdot |\chi^s(x, t) - \chi^s(x', t)| dt \\ &\leq \int_0^T |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x)) - \mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \chi^s(x, t) dt \\ &\quad + \int_0^T |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \cdot |\chi^s(x, t) - \chi^s(x', t)| dt \\ &\quad + \int_T^\infty |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x)) - \mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \chi^s(x, t) dt \\ &\quad + \int_T^\infty |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \cdot |\chi^s(x, t) - \chi^s(x', t)| dt \\ &\leq \int_0^T |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x)) - \mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \chi^s(x, t) dt \\ &\quad + \int_0^T |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \cdot |\chi^s(x, t) - \chi^s(x', t)| dt \\ &\quad + \int_T^\infty |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x))| \chi^s(x, t) dt + 2 \int_T^\infty |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \chi^s(x, t) dt \\ &\quad + \int_T^\infty |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \chi^s(x', t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

We claim that  $\chi^j(x', T) \leq C_9 d$ . For  $j = u$  this was proved above (2.6). For  $j = 0, s$  this follows from the choice of  $T$ , (2.1), and the inequalities

$$d^j(\psi^T x, \psi^T x') \leq C_{10} d, \tag{2.7}$$

and

$$|\chi^s(x, T) - \chi^s(x', T)| \leq C_{11} d^j(\psi^T x, \psi^T x') \leq C_{12} d.$$

It follows from (1.1) that in both cases

$$T \leq C_{13} |\ln d|. \tag{2.8}$$

Thus, (1.3), (2.4), (2.6) and  $\|f\|_{C^2} = 1$  imply that each of the last three integrals is estimated from above by  $C_{14} \int_T^\infty \chi^s(x, t) dt \leq C_{15} \chi^s(x, T) \leq C_{16} d$ .

We estimate now the first two integrals. There exists  $\theta(t) \in [x, x']$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x)) - \mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \chi^s(x, t) dt \\ = \int_0^T |\mathcal{D}_s \mathcal{D}_j(f(\psi^t \theta(t)))| d^j(\psi^t x, \psi^t x') \chi^s(x, t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $j = 0, s$ . The inequalities (1.1) and (1.2) imply that

$$\int_0^T \chi^s(x, t) dt \leq C_{17},$$

and using (2.7) we estimate the first integral from above by  $C_{18} d$ . The second integral in this case is estimated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T |\mathcal{D}_s(f(\psi^t x'))| \cdot |\chi^s(x, t) - \chi^s(x', t)| dt &\leq C_{19} \int_0^T d^j(\psi^t x, \psi^t x') dt \leq C_{20} dT \\ &\leq C_{21} d \cdot |\ln d| \leq C_{22}(\lambda) d^\lambda \end{aligned}$$

for any  $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < 1$ . The last two inequalities follow from (2.8) and the fact that for any  $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < 1$  there exists  $C_{22}(\lambda)$  such that  $d \cdot |\ln d| \leq C_{22}(\lambda) d^\lambda$ . Now let  $j = u$ . A calculation similar to (2.5) gives us

$$d^u(\psi^t x, \psi^t x') = d \cdot \chi^u(x_0, t) \leq C_4 d \cdot (\chi^s(x_0, t))^{-1},$$

where  $x_0 \in [x, x']$ ,  $x_0 \in \sigma^u(x)$ . This equality, together with (2.4) and (2.8), implies that the first integral in this case is estimated from above by

$$C_{23} \int_0^T |d^u(\psi^t x, \psi^t x') \chi^s(x, t)| dt \leq C_{24} dT \leq C_{25} d \cdot |\ln d| \leq C_{26}(\lambda) d^\lambda$$

for any  $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < 1$ . The second integral is estimated from above by  $C_{27} \int_0^T |\chi^s(x, t) - \chi^s(x', t)| dt$ . We use (1.3) and (2.3) to estimate the integrand

$$\begin{aligned} |\chi^s(x, t) - \chi^s(x', t)| &= \left| \exp \int_0^t -\lambda(x, \tau) d\tau - \exp \int_0^t -\lambda(x', \tau) d\tau \right| \\ &= \left( \exp \int_0^t -\lambda(x, \tau) d\tau \right) \cdot \left| 1 - \exp \int_0^t (\lambda(x, \tau) - \lambda(x', \tau)) d\tau \right| \\ &\leq C_{28} \chi^s(x, t) \cdot \left| \int_0^t (\lambda(x, \tau) - \lambda(x', \tau)) d\tau \right| \\ &\leq C_{29} \chi^s(x, t) \int_0^t d^u(\psi^\tau x, \psi^\tau x') d\tau \\ &\leq C_{30} \chi^s(x, t) \int_0^t d \cdot (\chi^s(x, \tau))^{-1} d\tau \\ &\leq C_{31} \chi^s(x, t) (\chi^s(x, t))^{-1} \cdot d \leq C_{32} d. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the second integral is estimated by  $C_{32} dT \leq C_{33} d \cdot |\ln d| \leq C_{34}(\lambda) d^\lambda$  for any  $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < 1$ , and the theorem follows.  $\square$

3. Construction of an  $\varepsilon$ -dense orbit for the flow  $\{\psi^t\}$

**THEOREM 3.1.** Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  sufficiently small, there exists an  $\varepsilon$ -dense piece of orbit of the flow  $\{\psi^t\}$  of length  $T$ :

$$\mathcal{O} = \{x \in X, x = \psi^t x_0, 0 \leq t \leq T\}$$

with  $T = C \ln \varepsilon^{-1}/\varepsilon^2$  where the constant  $C > 0$  depends only on the Riemannian metric on the manifold  $X$  and the flow  $\{\psi^t\}$ .

*Proof.* We prove first that any two points  $x, y \in X$  can be ' $\varepsilon$ -joined' by a piece of orbit of length  $C_1 \ln \varepsilon^{-1}$ , i.e. there exist  $x', y' \in X$  and a constant  $C_1 > 0$  such that  $d(x, x') < \varepsilon, d(y, y') < \varepsilon$ , and  $y' = \psi^{T_0} x'$  for  $T_0 = C_1 \ln \varepsilon^{-1}$ . Let  $\rho$  be a sufficiently small number which will be specified below. We assume that  $\varepsilon < \rho$ . By (F3) one can choose a constant  $N > 0$  such that any piece of the leaf of the foliation  $\sigma^u$  of size  $M \geq N$  is  $\rho/2$ -dense. For  $T_1 = \alpha^{-1} \ln(N/b_1 \varepsilon)$  the piece of the leaf  $\psi^{T_1}(D_\rho^u y) = D_\rho^u(\psi^{T_1} y)$  is of size  $M > N$ , and therefore is  $\rho/2$ -dense. Let  $T_0 = 2\alpha^{-1} \ln(a_1 \rho/\varepsilon)$ , and  $x_0 = \psi^{-T_0} x$ . For small enough  $\rho$  there exist  $y_0 \in D_\rho^u(\psi^{T_1} y)$  and  $z = \psi^{T_0} y_0$  with  $|t| < \rho$  such that  $z \in D_\rho^s(x_0)$ . We also have  $d(\psi^{T_0} z, \psi^{T_0} x_0) = d(\psi^{T_0} z, x) \leq a_1 \rho e^{-\alpha T_0} < \varepsilon$ . Thus we obtained two points  $x' = \psi^{T_0} z$  and  $y' = \psi^{-T_1} y_0$  such that  $d(x, x') < \varepsilon, d(y, y') < \varepsilon$ , and  $y' = \psi^{T_0} x'$ . If  $\varepsilon < \min(1/a_1 \rho, b_1/N, e^{-\rho}, \rho)$  then for some constant  $C_1 > 0$   $T = T_0 + T_1 + d(y_0, z) < C_1 \ln \varepsilon^{-1}$ .

For each point  $x_0 \in X$  we define the following cylinder sets:

$$C_\rho(x_0) = \{x = (z, t) \mid z \in S_\rho(x_0), -\rho < t < \rho\}, \quad (3.1)$$

where  $S_\rho(x_0)$  is a 2-dimensional smooth local cross-section transversal to the flow  $\{\psi^t\}$  passing through  $x_0$ , and  $x = \psi^t z$ . To complete the proof of the theorem we choose a cover of  $X$  by a finite number of cylinders  $C_\rho(x_i), i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$ . Let us choose a smooth coordinate system in each local cross-section  $S_\rho(x_i)$ . Then it makes sense to talk about square lattices in  $S_\rho(x_i)$  relative to this coordinate system.

*Definition.* We call a set of points in  $S_\rho(x_i)$   $\varepsilon$ -regular if it is an  $\varepsilon^2$ -perturbation of some square lattice in  $S_\rho(x_i)$  of size  $\varepsilon/2$ .

For each  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$  we choose an  $\varepsilon$ -regular set  $E_i \subset S_\rho(x_i)$ , and let  $\Lambda_i = \{x \in C_\rho(x_i) \mid z \in E_i\}$ . The number of pieces in  $\bigcup_{i=0}^N \Lambda_i$  is  $C_2/\varepsilon^2$ . We can ' $\varepsilon^2$ -join' them together using the estimate in the beginning of the proof. An application of the Bowen specification theorem [2] gives us a desired  $\varepsilon$ -dense piece of orbit of length  $C \ln \varepsilon^{-1}/\varepsilon^2$  which we denote by  $\mathcal{O}$ .  $\square$

*Remark.* By the Bowen specification theorem [2] for each  $i = 0, 1, \dots, N, \mathcal{O}$  contains a subset  $\bar{\Lambda}_i$ , consisting of a number of pieces approximating pieces of orbits constituting  $\Lambda_i$ . Let  $\mathcal{S} = \bigcup_{i=0}^N \bar{\Lambda}_i$ . Notice that  $\mathcal{S} \cap S_\rho(x_i)$  is also an  $\varepsilon$ -regular set for each  $i = 0, \dots, N$ .

4. The proof of Theorem 1.1

*Definition.* Let  $r$  be the injectivity radius of  $X$ . We say that a function  $F$  defined on  $\mathcal{E}$ , a subset of  $X$ , is of class  $C_K^{1+\lambda}$  ( $0 < \lambda < 1, K > 0$ ) if there exists a family of linear functions  $l_x(v)$  for  $x \in X, v \in T_x X$  such that for any  $x, y \in \mathcal{E}, d(x, y) < r$ ,

$$|F(y) - F(x) - l_x(v_{xy})| \leq K d(x, y)^{1+\lambda},$$

where  $v_{xy} \in T_x X$  is a tangent vector to the geodesic from  $x$  to  $y$  (on  $X$ ) of length  $d(x, y)$ .

**LEMMA 4.1.** Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be a piece of orbit of the flow  $\{\psi^t\}$  of length  $T$ , and  $f \in C^2(X)$  is such that  $\|f\|_{C^2} = 1$  and  $\int_{[o]} f dt = 0$  for all periodic orbits  $[o]$  of  $\{\psi^t\}$  of length  $\leq T$ . We define the following function on  $\mathcal{O}$ : for  $x = \psi^t x_0, 0 \leq t \leq T$

$$F(x) = \int_0^t f(\psi^s x_0) ds. \quad (4.1)$$

Then for any  $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < \alpha/\delta$  there exists  $K_\alpha(\lambda)$  such that  $F(x)$  is of class  $C_{K_\alpha(\lambda)}^{1+\lambda}$  on  $\mathcal{O}$ .

*Proof.* We shall show that the role of the linear function  $l_x$  is played by the differential form  $\omega_f$  introduced in § 2. For  $j = s, u$  we define  $\sigma^{0,j}(x) = \{y = \psi^t z, -\infty < t < \infty; \text{ for some } z \in \sigma^j(x)\}$ ; they are called leaves of the weak stable (for  $j = s$ ) and the weak unstable (for  $j = u$ ) foliations. Let  $d^{0,j}$  denote the distance on  $\sigma^{0,j}$ ,  $\rho$  be as in § 3, and  $D_\rho^{0,j}(x) = \{y \in \sigma^{0,j}(x) \mid d^{0,j}(x, y) < \rho\}$ . Suppose  $x_0 = x, y_0 = y \in \mathcal{O}, y_0 = \psi^{T_0} x_0, T_0 \leq T, d(x_0, y_0) = d < r$ . Let  $z_0 = z = D_\rho^s(x_0) \cap D_\rho^u(y_0)$ , and  $y_{00} = \psi^{T_0} z_0, |T_0 - T| < d, y_{00} \in D_\rho^u(z_0)$ . We denote the arc of  $\sigma^s(x)$  between  $x$  and  $z$  by  $\sigma^s(x, z)$ , the arc of  $\sigma^u(y_{00})$  between  $y_{00}$  and  $z$  by  $\sigma^u(y_{00}, z)$ , and the piece of orbit  $\mathcal{O}$  between  $y$  and  $y_{00}$  by  $\mathcal{O}(y, y_{00})$ . Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\sigma^s(x,z)} \omega_f &= \int_0^\infty (f(\psi^t x) - f(\psi^t z)) dt, \\ \int_{\sigma^u(y_{00},z)} \omega_f &= \int_0^\infty (f(\psi^t y_{00}) - f(\psi^t z)) dt, \\ \int_{\mathcal{O}(y,y_{00})} \omega_f &= \int_0^{T_0-T} f(\psi^t y) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

The fact that  $\omega_f$  satisfies a Hölder condition of order  $\lambda$  (Theorem 2.1) and (4.2) imply that Lemma 4.1 follows from the following statement: given  $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < \alpha/\delta$ , there exists a constant  $K(\lambda)$  such that for any  $x, y \in \mathcal{O}, y = \psi^{T_0} x, T_0 \leq T, d(x, y) = d < r$  with the property that  $D_\rho^s(x_0) \cap D_\rho^u(y_0) \neq \emptyset$ , there exists a constant  $K(\lambda)$  such that for  $D_\rho^s(x_0) \cap D_\rho^u(y_0) = z$

$$\left| (F(y) - F(x)) - \left( \int_0^\infty (f(\psi^t x) - f(\psi^t z)) dt + \int_0^\infty (f(\psi^t z) - f(\psi^t y)) dt \right) \right| \leq K(\lambda) d(x, y)^{1+\lambda}.$$

We notice that it is sufficient to prove the above statement for sufficiently small  $d$ . Without loss of generality we may assume that  $x = x_0$  and therefore  $F(x) = 0$ . We construct five sequences of points  $\{x_j\}, \{y_j\}, \{z_j\}$  and  $\{u_j\}$ , and a sequence of numbers  $\{T_j\}$  ( $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) inductively as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &= x, \quad y_0 = y_{00} = y = \psi^{T_0} x_0, \quad z_0 = z = D_\rho^s(x_0) \cap D_\rho^u(y_0), \\ y_{00} &\in D_\rho^u(z_0), \quad u_0 \in D_\rho^u(x_0), \quad \psi^{T_0} u_0 = z_0, \\ x_j &= D_\rho^s(u_{j-1}) \cap D_\rho^u(y_{j-1, j-1}) = D_\rho^u(z_{j-1}), \quad y_j = \psi^{T_j} x_j, \\ z_j &= D_\rho^s(x_j) \cap D_\rho^u(y_j), \quad y_j = \psi^{T_j} x_j, \\ y_j &\in D_\rho^u(z_j), \quad u_j \in D_\rho^u(x_j), \quad \psi^{T_j} u_j = z_j \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

Let  $x \in X$ ,  $S_\rho(x)$  be as in § 3, and  $\varphi: S_\rho(x) \rightarrow S_\rho(x)$  be a return map for the flow  $\{\psi^t\}$ . For any  $y \in S_\rho(x)$  we let  $P_\rho^j(y) = \sigma^{0,j}(y) \cap S_\rho(x)$  for  $j = s, u$ . The local foliations  $P_\rho^j$  are stable and unstable foliations for the return map  $\varphi$ . They inherit the smoothness of the weak foliations  $\sigma^{0,j}$  which is not less than the smoothness of foliations  $\sigma^j$ . Let  $l^j$  be the distance on the leaves of the local foliation  $P_\rho^j$  ( $j = s, u$ ). We assume that  $\rho$  is chosen such that there exists a constant  $C_1 > 1$  such that for any  $x, y \in P_\rho^j$

$$C_1^{-1} < \frac{l^j(x, y)}{d(x, y)} < C_1.$$

Thus it follows from (F4) that there exists a constant  $C_2 > 1$  such that for any 'quadrangle'  $[x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]$  such that

$$x_2 \in P_\rho^u(x_1), x_3 \in P_\rho^s(x_2), x_4 \in P_\rho^u(x_3), x_1 \in P_\rho^s(x_4), \quad (4.4)$$

the following inequalities hold:

$$C_2^{-1} \leq \frac{d(x_1, x_2)}{d(x_4, x_3)} \leq C_2, \quad C_2^{-1} \leq \frac{d(x_2, x_3)}{d(x_1, x_4)} \leq C_2. \quad (4.5)$$

Let  $\pi: C_\rho(x_0) \rightarrow S_\rho(x_0)$  be defined by the formula  $\pi(z, t) = z$ , and  $S_j = T_0 + \dots + T_{j-1}$ . By properties (1.1) and (1.2), for some constants  $C_3, C_4, C_5, C_6 > 0$ , and  $j = 0, 1, \dots$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} C_3 e^{-\delta S_j} d &\leq d(\pi x_j, \pi y_j) \leq C_4 e^{-\alpha S_j} d, \\ d(\pi x_j, x_0) &< C_5 d, \quad d(\pi y_j, x_0) < C_5, \\ |T_j - T_0| &\leq C_6 d. \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

Therefore the sequences  $\{\pi x_j\}, \{\pi y_j\}, \{\pi z_j\}$  and  $\{\pi u_j\}$  converge in  $S_\rho(x_0)$  to a fixed point of the continuous map  $\varphi: S_\rho(x) \rightarrow S_\rho(x)$ . The orbit of the flow  $\{\psi^t\}$  passing through this point is a periodic orbit. This completes a well-known proof of the Anosov closing lemma. For our purposes, however, we have to look closely at the rate of convergence of this process. Let  $k$  be an integer,  $k \geq 1$  (it will be chosen later, in (4.7)). We have

$$\begin{aligned} F(y) &= \int_0^{T_0} f(\psi^t x) dt = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \left( \int_0^{T_0} (f(\psi^t x_j) - f(\psi^t z_j)) dt + \int_0^{T_0} (f(\psi^t z_j) - f(\psi^t x_{j+1})) dt \right) \\ &\quad + \int_0^{T_0} f(\psi^t x_k) dt. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\int_0^\infty (f(\psi^t x) - f(\psi^t z)) dt = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \int_{S_j}^{S_{j+1}} (f(\psi^t x) - f(\psi^t z)) dt + \int_{S_k}^\infty (f(\psi^t x) - f(\psi^t z)) dt,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^{-\infty} (f(\psi^t z) - f(\psi^t y)) dt \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \int_{-S_j}^{-S_{j+1}} (f(\psi^t z) - f(\psi^t y)) dt + \int_{-S_k}^{-\infty} (f(\psi^t z) - f(\psi^t y)) dt. \end{aligned}$$

An easy calculation gives us the following estimate:

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| F(y) - \left( \int_0^\infty (f(\psi^t x) - f(\psi^t z)) dt + \int_0^{-\infty} (f(\psi^t z) - f(\psi^t y)) dt \right) \right| \\ &\leq \Sigma_1 + \Sigma_2 + \Sigma_3 + \Sigma_4 + I_1 + I_2 + I_3, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_1 &= \left| \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \int_0^{T_j} (f(\psi^t x_j) - f(\psi^t z_j)) - (f(\psi^{S_j+t} x) - f(\psi^{S_j+t} z)) dt \right| \\ \Sigma_2 &= \left| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \int_0^{T_j} (f(\psi^t z_j) - f(\psi^t x_{j+1})) - (f(\psi^{t-S_{j+1}} y) - f(\psi^{t-S_{j+1}} z)) dt \right|, \\ \Sigma_3 &= \left| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \int_{T_0}^{T_j} (f(\psi^t x_j) - f(\psi^t z_j)) dt \right|, \quad \Sigma_4 = \left| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \int_{T_0}^{T_j} (f(\psi^t z_j) - f(\psi^t x_{j+1})) dt \right|, \\ I_1 &= \left| \int_0^{T_0} f(\psi^t x_k) dt \right|, \quad I_2 = \left| \int_{S_k}^\infty (f(\psi^t x) - f(\psi^t z)) dt \right|, \\ I_3 &= \left| \int_{-S_k}^{-\infty} (f(\psi^t z) - f(\psi^t y)) dt \right|. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (4.3) that for  $j \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi \psi^{S_j} x &\in P_\rho^u(\pi x_j), \quad \pi \psi^{S_j} z \in P_\rho^u(\pi z_j), \quad \pi \psi^{S_j} z \in P_\rho^s(\pi \psi^{S_j} x), \quad \text{and} \\ \pi \psi^{-S_{j+1}} y &\in P_\rho^s(\pi z_j), \quad \pi \psi^{-S_{j+1}} z \in P_\rho^s(\pi x_{j+1}), \quad \pi \psi^{-S_{j+1}} y \in P_\rho^u(\pi \psi^{-S_{j+1}} z). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the two 'quadrangles'  $Q_1(t) = [\pi \psi^t x_j, \pi \psi^t z_j, \pi \psi^{S_j+t} z, \pi \psi^{S_j+t} x]$  and  $Q_2(t) = [\pi \psi^t z_j, \pi \psi^t x_{j+1}, \pi \psi^{t-S_{j+1}} z, \pi \psi^{t-S_{j+1}} y]$  satisfy (4.4), and we obtain the following estimates for the lengths of their sides:

$$\begin{aligned} d(\pi \psi^t x_j, \pi \psi^{S_j+t} x) &\leq C_7 d(\pi \psi^{T_j} x_j, \pi \psi^{S_j} \psi^{T_j} x) \leq C_8 e^{\delta S_j} d \leq C_8 e^{\delta S_{k-1}} e, \\ d(\pi \psi^t x_j, \pi \psi^t z_j) &\leq C_9 d(\pi x_j, \pi z_j) \leq C_{10} e^{-\alpha S_j} d, \\ d(\pi \psi^t z_j, \pi \psi^{t-S_{j+1}} y) &\leq C_{11} d(\pi z_j, \pi \psi^{-S_{j+1}} y) \leq C_{12} e^{\delta S_j} d \leq C_{12} e^{\delta S_{k-1}} d, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$d(\pi \psi^t z_j, \pi \psi^t x_{j+1}) \leq C_{13} d(\pi \psi^{T_j} z_j, \pi \psi^{T_j} x_{j+1}) \leq C_{14} d(\varphi \pi z_j, \varphi \pi x_{j+1}) \leq C_{15} e^{-\alpha S_j} d.$$

If  $d$  is sufficiently small, we can choose  $k \geq 1$  satisfying the following inequalities

$$(\max(C_{12}, C_8)^{-1} \rho e^{-\delta S_k} \leq d < e^{-\delta S_{k-1}} \rho (\max(C_{12}, C_8)^{-1}), \quad (4.7)$$

it will follow that  $Q_1(t), Q_2(t) \subset S_\rho(x)$ , and therefore (4.5) applies. We have  $e^{S_{k-1}} \leq C_{16} d^{-1/\delta}, S_{k-1} \leq C_{17} \ln d^{-1}$ . Thus, for some point  $\theta(t) \in Q_1(t)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \int_0^{T_j} (f(\pi \psi^t x_j) - f(\pi \psi^t z_j)) - (f(\pi \psi^{S_j+t} x) - f(\pi \psi^{S_j+t} z)) dt \right| \\ &\leq C_{18} \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \left| \int_0^{T_j} \mathcal{D}_u \mathcal{D}_s (f(\theta(t))) \cdot d(\pi \psi^t x_j, \pi \psi^t z_j) \cdot d(\pi \psi^t x_j, \pi \psi^{S_j+t} x) dt \right| \\ &\leq C_{19} (k-1) T d^2 e^{S_{k-1}(\delta-\alpha)} \leq C_{20} d^{\alpha/\delta} d \cdot \ln d^{-1} \leq C_{21}(\lambda) d^{1+\lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

and therefore  $\Sigma_1 \leq C_{22}(\lambda)d^{1+\lambda}$  for any  $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < \alpha/\delta$ . Similarly we obtain the estimate  $\Sigma_2 \leq C_{23}(\lambda)d^{1+\lambda}$  for any  $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < \alpha/\delta$ .

In order to estimate  $I_1$  we let

$$O(x_k) = \{x \in X, x = \psi^t x_k, 0 \leq t \leq T_0\}.$$

By the Anosov closing lemma, using the fact that  $d(x_k, \psi^{T_0} x_k) = d(x_k, y_{kk}) \leq C_1 e^{-\alpha S_k} d$ , and that the integral of  $f(x)$  over any closed orbit of length  $\leq T$  is equal to zero, we obtain the following estimate:

$$I_1 = \left| \int_0^{T_0} f(\psi^t x_k) dt \right| \leq C_{24} e^{-\alpha S_k} \cdot d \leq C_{25} d^{1+(\alpha/\delta)}.$$

The last inequality follows from (4.7). Following the previous argument we conclude that

$$I_2 = \left| \int_{S_k}^{\infty} (f(\psi^t x) - f(\psi^t z)) dt \right| \leq C_{26} \int_{S_k}^{\infty} e^{-\alpha t} dt \cdot d = \frac{C_{27}}{\alpha} e^{-\alpha S_k} \cdot d \leq C_{28} d^{1+(\alpha/\delta)}.$$

Similarly,

$$I_3 = \left| \int_{-S_k}^{-\infty} (f(\psi^t z) - f(\psi^t y)) dt \right| \leq C_{29} \left| \int_{-S_k}^{-\infty} e^{\alpha t} dt \right| = \frac{C_{30}}{\delta} e^{-\delta S_k} \cdot d \leq C_{31} d^2.$$

Using (4.6) we obtain the following estimates for  $\Sigma_3$  and  $\Sigma_4$ :

$$\Sigma_3 = \left| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \int_{T_0}^{T_j} (f(\psi^t x_j) - f(\psi^t z_j)) dt \right| \leq C_{32} d \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} d(\pi \psi^T x_j, \pi \psi^T z_j) \leq C_{33} d^2,$$

$$\Sigma_4 = \left| \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \int_T^{T_j} (f(\psi^t z_j) - f(\psi^t x_{j+1})) dt \right| \leq C_{34} d^2.$$

This concludes the proof of Lemma 4.1. □

**COROLLARY.**  $F(x)$  is of class  $C_{K_0(\lambda)}^{1+\lambda}$  on the set  $\mathcal{S}$  (cf. Remark in § 3), for any  $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < \alpha/\delta$ .

**LEMMA 4.2.** For any  $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < \alpha/\delta$  there exist constants  $K_1(\lambda), K_2(\lambda), K_3(\lambda)$  such that the function  $F(x)$  can be extended from  $\mathcal{S}$  to  $X$  as a function of class  $C_{K_1(\lambda)}^{1+\lambda}$  in such a way that  $\mathcal{D}F(x) \in C_{K_2(\lambda)}^{1+\lambda}(X)$ , and for  $h(x) = \mathcal{D}F(x) - f(x)$  we have  $\|h(x)\|_{C^1} \leq K_3(\lambda)\epsilon^\lambda$ .

*Proof.* First, we show how to extend  $F(x)$  from  $\mathcal{S} \cap S_\rho(x_0)$  to  $S_\rho(x_0)$  as a function of class  $C_{K_1(\lambda)}^{1+\lambda}$ .  $\mathcal{S} \cap S_\rho(x_0)$  is a discrete  $\epsilon$ -regular set. It is sufficient to extend  $F(x)$  to a 'generating' quadrangle of  $\mathcal{S} \cap S_\rho(x_0)$  which is a  $\epsilon^2$ -perturbation of a square. We denote its vertices by  $A, B, C$  and  $D$ , and the directions  $\overrightarrow{AB}$  and  $\overrightarrow{AD}$  by  $x$  and  $y$  respectively. We may assume that  $F$  is a real-valued function since the following argument is valid for  $\text{Re } F$  and  $\text{Im } F$ . We extend  $F(x)$  to the interval  $[A, B]$  knowing  $F(A), F(B)$  and  $F'_x(A) = I_A(v_{AB}) = a_A, F'_x(B) = -I_B(v_{BA}) = a_B$ . There exist  $t_{AB} \in [A, B]$  and  $k_{AB} \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$F'_x(w) = \begin{cases} k_{AB}d(w, A) + a_A, & w \in [A, t_{AB}] \\ -k_{AB}d(w, A) + k_{AB}d(A, B) + a_B, & w \in [t_{AB}, B], \end{cases} \quad (4.8)$$

and  $\int_A^B F'_x(w) dw = F(B) - F(A)$ .  $F(x)$  is of class  $C_{K_0(\lambda)}^{1+\lambda}$ . It follows from (4.8) that  $k_{AB}$  satisfies the following quadratic equation

$$d(A, B)^2 k_{AB}^2 - 2[F(B) - F(A)] - d(A, B)(a_A + a_B)k_{AB} - (a_A - a_B)^2 = 0. \quad (4.9)$$

A direct calculation shows that

$$|k_{AB}| \leq 4K_0(\lambda)d(A, B)^{\lambda-1},$$

Then for  $w, w' \in [A, B]$

$$|F'_x(w) - F'_x(w')| \leq |k_{AB}|d(w, w') \leq 4K_0(\lambda)d(w, w')^\lambda.$$

We define  $F'_y(w)$  linearly for  $w \in [A, B]$ :

$$F'_y(w) = \frac{F'_y(A)d(w, B) + F'_y(B)d(A, w)}{d(A, B)}. \quad (4.10)$$

Then  $|F'_y(w) - F'_y(w')| \leq K_0(\lambda)d(w, w')^\lambda$ . Thus  $F(x)$  is extended to  $[AB]$ , and analogously to  $[BC], [CD]$  and  $[DA]$ , as a  $C_{4K_0(\lambda)}^{1+\lambda}$ -function. We parametrize each interval  $[AB]$  and  $[CD]$  by its normalized length  $\sigma$ . Then we connect points having the same parameter by an interval of a geodesic, obtaining a family of coordinate curves, and extend  $F(x)$  to each interval by the formulas (4.8) and (4.10) as a  $C_{C_1(\lambda)}^{1+\lambda}$ -function for some  $C_1(\lambda) > 0$ . Thus we obtain a function inside the quadrangle  $ABCD$ . In order to prove that thus defined function is of class  $C_{K_1(\lambda)}^{1+\lambda}$  inside  $ABCD$ , we construct a family of curves connecting intervals  $[BC]$  and  $[DA]$  as follows. For  $\sigma \in [0, 1]$ , let  $z_\sigma \in [AB]$  and  $w_\sigma \in [CD]$  be the points parametrized by  $\sigma$ , and  $t_\sigma \in [z_\sigma, w_\sigma], t_\sigma = t_{z_\sigma, w_\sigma}$  as in (4.8). We parametrize each interval  $[z_\sigma, t_\sigma]$  and  $[t_\sigma, w_\sigma]$  by its normalized length such that  $\tau(z_\sigma) = 0, \tau(t_\sigma) = \frac{1}{2}, \tau(w_\sigma) = 1$ , and  $\tau = \text{const.}$  gives us the second family of coordinate curves. Let  $P = (\sigma_1, \tau_1)$  and  $Q = (\sigma_2, \tau_2)$ , and  $R = (\sigma_2, \tau_1)$ . There exist  $C_2(\lambda), C_3(\lambda), K_1(\lambda) > 0$  such that for  $i = \sigma, \tau$

$$\begin{aligned} |F'_i(Q) - F'_i(P)| &\leq |F'_i(Q) - F'_i(R)| + |F'_i(R) - F'_i(P)| \\ &\leq C_2(\lambda)d(Q, R)^\lambda + C_3(\lambda)d(R, P)^\lambda \leq K_1(\lambda)d(P, Q)^\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

We use (4.8), (4.9) and (4.10) to obtain the second inequality. The last inequality follows from the regularity of the quadrangle  $ABCD$  and the fact that the function  $d^\lambda$  is concave down for any  $\lambda, 0 < \lambda \leq 1$ .

Let us choose a finite cover of  $X$  by cylinders  $C_\rho(x_i), i = 0, \dots, N$  introduced in § 3. We extend  $F(x)$  by the formula

$$F(\psi^t x) = \int_0^t f(\psi^s x) ds + F(x), \quad -\rho < t < \rho$$

to a  $C_{K_1(\lambda)}^{1+\lambda}$ -function on each  $C_\rho(x_i)$ . Thus for  $i = 0, \dots, N$  we obtain a function  $F_i(x)$  defined on  $C_\rho(x_i)$  and such that  $F_i(x) = F(x)$  for  $x \in \bar{\Lambda}_i$ . Let  $\{\lambda_0(x), \dots, \lambda_N(x)\}, \sum_{i=0}^N \lambda_i(x) = 1$  be a  $C^\infty$  partition of unity corresponding to the cover  $\{C_\rho(x_i)\}$ , and  $\bar{F}(x) = \sum_{i=0}^N \lambda_i(x)F_i(x)$ . For

$$x \in \bigcap_{k=1}^M C_\rho(x_k), \quad \mathcal{D}\bar{F}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^M \mathcal{D}\lambda_k(x)F_k(x) + \lambda_k(x)\mathcal{D}F_k(x).$$

By construction, on each  $C_\rho(x_{i_k})$  we have  $\mathcal{D}F_{i_k}(x) = f(x)$  and  $\lambda_i(x) = 0$  if  $i \neq i_k$ . Thus

$$\mathcal{D}\bar{F}(x) = \sum_{k=1}^M \mathcal{D}\lambda_{i_k}(x)F_{i_k}(x) + f(x),$$

and therefore  $\mathcal{D}\bar{F}(x)$  is of class  $C^{1+\lambda}_{K_2(\lambda)}$  for some  $K_2(\lambda) > 0$ .

Now we estimate the  $C^1$ -norm of  $h(x) = \mathcal{D}\bar{F}(x) - f(x)$ . Let  $x \in \bigcap_{k=1}^M C_\rho(x_{i_k})$ . If  $M = 1$ ,  $\bar{F}(x) = F_{i_1}(x)$ , hence  $\mathcal{D}\bar{F}(x) = f(x)$  and  $h(x) = 0$  in some neighborhood of the point  $x$ . Therefore, in the open set  $X \setminus \bigcup_{j \neq i_1} C_\rho(x_j)$   $\|h(x)\|_{C^1} = 0$ . Suppose  $M > 1$ . We notice that  $\sum_{k=1}^M \mathcal{D}\lambda_{i_k}(x) = 0$ , and therefore  $h(x) = \sum_{k=2}^M \mathcal{D}\lambda_{i_k}(x)(F_{i_k}(x) - F_{i_1}(x))$ . Since the functions  $\lambda_{i_k}$  are of class  $C^\infty$ , we have in  $\bigcap_{k=1}^M C_\rho(x_{i_k})$

$$\|h(x)\|_{C^1} \leq C_4 \sum_{k=2}^M \|F_{i_k}(x) - F_{i_1}(x)\|_{C^1}.$$

There exists a constant  $C_5 > 0$  and two points  $y \in \bar{\Lambda}_{i_k}$ ,  $z \in \bar{\Lambda}_{i_1}$  such that  $d(x, y) \leq \epsilon$ ,  $d(x, z) \leq \epsilon$ ,  $d(y, z) \leq C_5\epsilon$ . In the following estimate we use that the functions  $F_{i_k}(x)$ ,  $F_{i_1}(x)$  and  $F(x)$  are of class  $C^1$ , and that  $F_{i_k}(y) = F(y)$ ,  $F_{i_1}(z) = F(z)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} |F_{i_k}(x) - F_{i_1}(x)| &\leq |F_{i_k}(x) - F_{i_k}(y)| + |F_{i_1}(z) - F_{i_1}(x)| + |F_{i_1}(y) - F_{i_1}(z)| \\ &= |F_{i_k}(x) - F_{i_k}(y)| + |F_{i_1}(z) - F_{i_1}(x)| + |F(y) - F(z)| \leq C_6\epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

For  $j = 0, s, u$  the functions  $\mathcal{D}_j F_{i_k}(x)$  and  $\mathcal{D}_j F_{i_1}(x)$  satisfy a Hölder condition of order  $\lambda$  and a constant  $K_1(\lambda)$  for any  $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < 1$ . By construction (Lemma 4.1) we have  $\mathcal{D}_j F_{i_k}(y) = k^j(y)$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_j F_{i_1}(z) = k^j(z)$  (see notations of § 2), and using Theorem 2.1 we obtain the following estimate:

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{D}_j F_{i_k}(x) - \mathcal{D}_j F_{i_1}(x)| &\leq |\mathcal{D}_j F_{i_k}(x) - \mathcal{D}_j F_{i_k}(y)| \\ &\quad + |\mathcal{D}_j F_{i_1}(z) - \mathcal{D}_j F_{i_1}(x)| + |\mathcal{D}_j F_{i_k}(y) - \mathcal{D}_j F_{i_1}(z)| \\ &\leq C_7(\lambda)\epsilon^\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for some constant  $K_3(\lambda)$  we have  $\|h(x)\|_{C^1} \leq K_3(\lambda)\epsilon^\lambda$ , and the lemma follows.  $\square$

Now we can finish the proof of Theorem 1.1. For any  $\lambda, 0 < \lambda < 1$  there exists a constant  $C_8(\lambda) > 0$  such that for any  $\epsilon > 0$   $\ln \epsilon^{-1} \leq C_8(\lambda)\epsilon^{\lambda-1}$ . Given  $T > 0$ , let

$$\epsilon = C^{-1/(3-\lambda)} C_8(\lambda)^{1/(3-\lambda)} T^{-1/(3-\lambda)},$$

where  $C$  is from Theorem 3.1. We apply Theorem 3.1 to construct an  $\epsilon$ -dense piece of orbit  $\mathcal{O}$  of length  $C \ln \epsilon^{-1}/\epsilon^2 \leq T$ . Defining the function  $F(x)$  on  $\mathcal{O}$  by formula (4.1) and applying Lemmas 4.1 and 4.2 we obtain a function  $h(x)$  with the following estimate on its  $C^1$ -norm:

$$\|h\|_{C^1} \leq K_2(\lambda)\epsilon^\lambda \leq K_2(\lambda) C^{\lambda/(3-\lambda)} C_8(\lambda)^{\lambda/(3-\lambda)} T^{-\lambda/(3-\lambda)} = C(\lambda) T^{-\lambda/(3-\lambda)}. \quad \square$$

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