

ON PERSISTENT HOMEOMORPHISMS

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Abstract

In this note we prove that a solenoidal group automorphism is persistent if and only if topologically stable.

§ 0. Introduction.

In [3] Lewowicz introduced the notion of persistency for a homeomorphism of a compact connected Riemannian manifold. Then he showed that every pseudo-Anosov map is persistent and by using this notion, that is structurally stable under some conditions.

In this note we define as in [3] a persistency for a homeomorphism of a compact metric space, and study a topological property of a persistent homeomorphism.

The following is proved.

Theorem. Let  $X$  be a solenoidal group, and let  $\sigma : X \rightarrow X$  be a group automorphism. Then the following (1) and (2) are equivalent;

- (1)  $(X, \sigma)$  is persistent,
- (2)  $(X, \sigma)$  is topologically stable.

In [1] Aoki proved that  $(X, \sigma)$  is topologically stable if and only if  $(X, \sigma)$  has the pseudo-orbit tracing property. Further, there exist solenoidal automorphisms with the pseudo-orbit tracing property such that one of the following conditions holds:

- (a)  $(X, \sigma)$  is not expansive,
- (b)  $(X, \sigma)$  is not densely periodic.

Since every finite-dimensional torus is a solenoidal group, we have the following corollary.

Corollary. Let  $T^r$  be the  $r$ -dimensional torus, and let  $\sigma$  be a group automorphism of  $T^r$ . Then the following conditions are mutually equivalent;

- (i)  $\sigma$  is persistent,
- (ii)  $\sigma$  is topologically stable,
- (iii)  $\sigma$  has the pseudo-orbit tracing property,
- (iv)  $\sigma$  is expansive,
- (v)  $\sigma$  is hyperbolic,
- (vi)  $\sigma$  is structurally stable.

The statement is true for a group automorphism of  $\mathbb{R}^r$ , where  $\mathbb{R}^r$  is the  $r$ -dimensional vector space (cf. [4]).

## § 1. Definitions and Examples.

Let  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a homeomorphism of a compact metric space  $(X, d)$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{H}(X)$  the set of all homeomorphisms of  $X$  with metric  $d(f, g) = \max\{d(f(x), g(x)) : x \in X\}$  ( $f, g \in \mathcal{H}(X)$ ). We say that an  $f$ -invariant subset  $K \subset X$  is persistent if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $\delta > 0$  with the property that for every  $g \in \mathcal{H}(X)$  with  $d(f, g) < \delta$  and for every  $x \in K$ , there is  $y \in X$  such that  $d(f^n(x), g^n(y)) < \varepsilon$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . When  $K = X$  we say that  $f$  is persistent. We remark that this notion is independent of the metric for  $X$ . We call  $f$  to be topologically stable if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $\delta > 0$  with the property that for every  $g \in \mathcal{H}(X)$  with  $d(f, g) < \delta$  there is a continuous map  $h : X \rightarrow X$  such that  $f \circ h = h \circ g$  and  $d(h, \text{id}) < \varepsilon$ . If  $X$  is a compact manifold and  $\varepsilon > 0$  is small enough, then  $d(h, \text{id}) < \varepsilon$  implies that  $h$  maps  $X$  onto itself. Therefore it is easy to see that every topologically stable homeomorphism of a compact manifold is persistent. In general case there is an example that is not true.

Example 1. The finite set  $X_i = \{0, 1\}$  is fixed with the discrete topology for  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Consider  $X = \prod_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} X_i$ , equipped with the product topology, and the shift homeomorphism  $\sigma : X \rightarrow X$  defined by  $(\sigma(x))_j = x_{j+1}$  for all  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $d$  be the metric on  $X$  defined by  $d(x, y) = 2^{-n}$  if  $n$  is the largest natural number with  $x_j = y_j$  for all  $|j| < n$ , and  $d(x, y) = 1$  if  $x_0 \neq y_0$ . It is well known that  $\sigma$  is topologically stable. Now we show that  $\sigma$  is not persistent. Put  $\varepsilon = 1/4$  and fix any  $\delta > 0$ . Then there is  $n > 0$  such that  $1/2^n < \delta$ . Define  $g \in \mathcal{H}(X)$  by  $(g(x))_j = x_j$  if  $j < -n$

or  $j > n$ ,  $(g(x))_j = x_{j+1}$  if  $-n \leq j < n$ , and  $(g(x))_n = x_{-n}$ .

Obviously,  $d(g, \sigma) < \delta$  and  $g^{2n+1}(y) = y$  for all  $y \in X$ . Consider

$$x' = (\dots, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, \dots) \in X.$$

Then for all  $y \in X$  with  $d(x', y) < \varepsilon$ , it is easy to see that  $d(\sigma^{2n+1}(x'), g^{2n+1}(y)) \geq \varepsilon$ . Therefore  $\sigma$  is not persistent.

Let  $(X, d)$  and  $f$  be as above. Given  $\delta > 0$ , a sequence  $\{x_j\}_{j=a}^b$  ( $-\infty \leq a < b \leq \infty$ ) is called a  $\delta$ -pseudo-orbit of  $f$  if  $d(f(x_j), x_{j+1}) < \delta$  for  $a \leq j \leq b-1$ . Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , a sequence  $\{x_j\}_{j=a}^b$  is said to be  $\varepsilon$ -traced by a point  $y$  in  $X$  if  $d(f^j(y), x_j) < \varepsilon$  for  $a \leq j \leq b$ . We say that  $f$  has the pseudo-orbit tracing property (POTP) if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is  $\delta > 0$  such that every  $\delta$ -pseudo-orbit of  $f$  can be  $\varepsilon$ -traced by some point in  $X$ .

We say that  $X$  is solenoidal if  $X$  is a compact connected finite-dimensional metric abelian group.

Finally, we give two examples of persistent homeomorphisms of compact totally disconnected metric spaces.

Example 2. Let  $X$  be the Cantor set in  $[0, 1]$ : i. e.  $X$  is the set of the numbers  $x \in [0, 1]$  with  $x = 3^{-1}a_1 + 3^{-2}a_2 + \dots$  ( $a_i = 0$  or  $2$  for  $i \geq 1$ ). For  $r \geq 1$ , we call the set  $X \cap [3^{-r}i, 3^{-r}(i+1)]$  ( $0 \leq i \leq 3^r - 1$ ) a Cantor subinterval with rank  $r$  if  $X \cap (3^{-r}i, 3^{-r}(i+1)) \neq \emptyset$  (see [5]). We denote by  $I(i, r)$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 2^r$ ), the  $i$ -th Cantor subinterval with rank  $r$  from the left. We show that if  $f \in \mathcal{H}(X)$  is an isometry, then  $f$  is

persistent. To do this, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , fix  $r > 0$  with  $3^{-r} < \varepsilon$ . Choose  $0 < \delta < 3^{-r}$  such that if  $d(f, g) < \delta$  ( $g \in \mathcal{H}(X)$ ), then  $d(f^{-1}, g^{-1}) < 3^{-r}$ . For every  $x \in X$  and every  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ , define  $i_j \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2^r\}$  by  $f^j(x) \in I(i_j, r)$ . Obviously,  $g(x) \in I(i_1, r)$ . Since  $f$  is an isometry,  $d(f^2(x), fg(x)) < 3^{-r}$  and so  $fg(x) \in I(i_2, r)$ . On the other hand, we have that  $d(fg(x), g^2(x)) < 3^{-r}$  (since  $d(f, g) < \delta$ ), and so  $g^2(x) \in I(i_2, r)$ : i. e.  $d(f^2(x), g^2(x)) < 3^{-r} < \varepsilon$ . Continuing in this fashion, we can see that  $d(f^n(x), g^n(x)) < \varepsilon$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . A similar way shows that  $d(f^n(x), g^n(x)) < \varepsilon$  for all  $n \leq 0$ . Thus  $f$  is persistent.

Example 3. Let  $(X, d)$  be a compact totally disconnected metric group, and let  $\sigma : X \rightarrow X$  be a group automorphism. The group operation is written by multiplicative form. We show that if  $(X, \sigma)$  has zero-topological entropy, then  $(X, \sigma)$  is persistent. It is known that every group automorphism of  $X$  has the POTP (see Application 2 of [2]). Since  $(X, \sigma)$  has zero-topological entropy,  $X$  contains a sequence  $X = X_0 \supset X_1 \supset X_2 \supset \dots$  of completely  $\sigma$ -invariant normal subgroups such that  $\bigcap X_n$  is trivial and for every  $n \geq 0$ ,  $X/X_n$  is a finite group (cf. Lemma 14 of [2]). For each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is  $k > 0$  such that  $\text{diam}(X_k) < \varepsilon/2$ . Since  $X/X_k$  is finite, there is an integer  $\ell_k > 0$  such that  $X = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\ell_k} h_i X_k$  ( $h_i \in X$ ) and  $h_i X_k \cap h_j X_k = \emptyset$  for  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq \ell_k$ . Thus we have that  $d(h_i X_k, h_j X_k) = \inf\{d(a, b) : a \in h_i X_k, b \in h_j X_k\} > 0$  if  $1 \leq i \neq j \leq \ell_k$  (since each  $h_i X_k$  is open and closed in  $X$ ). Let us put  $\delta_k = \min\{\varepsilon/2, \min\{d(h_i X_k, h_j X_k) : 1 \leq i \neq j \leq \ell_k\}\}$ . Choose  $\delta = \delta(\delta_k) > 0$

as in the definition of the POTP of  $\sigma$  and fix  $f \in \mathcal{H}(X)$  with  $d(\sigma, f) < \delta$ . Then for every  $x \in X$ ,  $\{f^n(x)\}_{n=-\infty}^{\infty}$  is a  $\delta$ -pseudo-orbit of  $\sigma$ . Since  $\sigma$  has the POTP, there is a point  $y \in X$  such that  $d(\sigma^n(y), f^n(x)) < \delta_k$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Putting  $n = 0$  gives  $d(x, y) < \delta_k$  and so  $xy^{-1} \in X_k$  (the metric  $d$  is translation invariant). Hence, we get that  $d(\sigma^n(x), \sigma^n(y)) < \varepsilon/2$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  since  $\sigma(X_k) = X_k$ . Therefore we have that

$$d(f^n(x), \sigma^n(x)) \leq d(f^n(x), \sigma^n(y)) + d(\sigma^n(y), \sigma^n(x)) < \varepsilon$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and so  $\sigma : X \rightarrow X$  is persistent.

## § 2. Proof of Theorem.

Hereafter  $X$  is an  $r$ -dimensional solenoidal group with the invariant metric  $d$  and  $\sigma$  is a group automorphism of  $X$ . We write the group operation by additive form. First of all we prepare lemmas that we need. The following lemmas 1 and 2 are known (see § 1, [1]).

Lemma 1. There exist the  $r$ -dimensional vector space  $\mathbb{R}^r$ , a group automorphism  $\gamma : \mathbb{R}^r \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^r$ , a group homomorphism  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^r \rightarrow X$  and a totally disconnected subgroup of  $X$  such that

$$(i) \quad \psi \circ \gamma = \sigma \circ \psi,$$

$$(ii) \quad X = \psi(\mathbb{R}^r) + F \quad \text{and} \quad \overline{\psi(\mathbb{R}^r)} = X,$$

$$(iii) \quad \psi^{-1}\{\psi(\mathbb{R}^r) \cap F\} = \mathbb{Z}^r,$$

(iv) there is a closed neighbourhood  $U$  of  $0$  in  $\mathbb{R}^r$  so that  $\psi : U \rightarrow X$  is an into homeomorphism,  $\psi(U) \cap F = \{0\}$  and  $\psi(U) + F$  is

a closed neighbourhood of  $0$  in  $X$  (we shall write  $\psi(U) \oplus F$  such a neighbourhood  $\psi(U) + F$ ).

We call  $(\mathbb{R}^r, \gamma)$  the lifting system of  $(X, \sigma)$ .

Lemma 2. Let  $F$  be as in Lemma 1. Then  $F$  contains subgroups  $F^+$ ,  $F^-$  and  $H$  such that

- (i)  $\sigma(H) = H$ ,
- (ii)  $F^+ \supset \sigma F^+ \supset \cdots \supset \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \sigma^n(F^+) = \{0\}$ ,
- (iii)  $F^- \supset \sigma^{-1} F^- \supset \cdots \supset \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \sigma^{-n}(F^-) = \{0\}$ ,
- (iv)  $\sigma F^- / F^-$  and  $F^+ / \sigma F^+$  are finite,
- (v)  $F = F^- \oplus F^+ \oplus H$ .

The following lemma is well known.

Lemma 3. Let  $h : \mathbb{R}^r \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^r$  be a continuous map, and let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be any real number. If  $\|h(v) - v\|_{\mathbb{R}^r} < \varepsilon$  for all  $v \in \mathbb{R}^r$ , then  $h$  is a surjection. Here  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{R}^r}$  denotes a usual norm of  $\mathbb{R}^r$ .

Proof. Assuming that  $\mathbb{R}^r \setminus h(\mathbb{R}^r) \neq \emptyset$ , we derive a contradiction. If we take  $u \in \mathbb{R}^r \setminus h(\mathbb{R}^r)$ , then  $u \notin h(\mathbb{R}^r)$ . Hence we may assume that  $0 \notin h(\mathbb{R}^r)$ . For, put  $h'(v) = h(v+u) - u$  for  $v \in \mathbb{R}^r$ . Then  $h' : \mathbb{R}^r \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^r$  is a continuous map such that  $0 \notin h'(\mathbb{R}^r)$  and  $\|h'(v) - v\|_{\mathbb{R}^r} < \varepsilon$  for  $v \in \mathbb{R}^r$ . Let  $H_t(v) = (1-t)v + th(v)$  for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  and  $v \in \mathbb{R}^r$ . Then  $H_t : \mathbb{R}^r \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^r$  is a homotopy from  $h$  to  $\text{id}_{\mathbb{R}^r}$ . Define

$$F_t^{(m)}(v) = H_t(mv) / \|H_t(mv)\|_{\mathbb{R}^r}$$

for  $m > 0$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  and  $v \in \mathbb{R}^r$  with  $H_t(mv) \neq 0$ , then for a sufficiently large  $m' > 0$ ,  $F_t^{(m')} : S^{r-1} \rightarrow S^{r-1}$  ( $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ) is a homotopy from  $F_1^{(m')}$  to  $\text{id}_{S^{r-1}}$  (since  $\|h(v) - v\|_{\mathbb{R}^r} < \varepsilon$  for  $v \in \mathbb{R}^r$ ). Since degree is homotopy invariant, we have that  $\deg(F_1^{(m')}) = 1$ . On the other hand, since  $h(0) \neq 0$ , if we choose  $m'' > 0$  small enough, then  $F_1^{(m'')}(S^{r-1}) \subsetneq S^{r-1}$  and so  $\deg(F_1^{(m'')}) = 0$ . This is contradictory to the fact that  $F_1^{(m')}$  is homotopic to  $F_1^{(m'')}$ .

Now we give a proof of Theorem. It was showed in [1] that  $(X, \sigma)$  is topologically stable if and only if the lifting system  $(\mathbb{R}^r, \gamma)$  of  $(X, \sigma)$  is hyperbolic (see Theorems 1 and 2 of [1]). Hence, to see that (1)  $\rightarrow$  (2), assuming that  $(\mathbb{R}^r, \gamma)$  is not hyperbolic, we prove that  $(X, \sigma)$  is not persistent.

As usual  $\mathbb{R}^r = E^s \oplus E^c \oplus E^u$  where  $E^s$ ,  $E^c$  and  $E^u$  are the subspaces corresponding to the eigenvalues of  $\gamma$  with modulus less than one, equal to one and greater than one respectively. Let  $|\cdot|_s$  and  $|\cdot|_u$  be some norms on  $E^s$  and  $E^u$  respectively. Since  $E^c \neq \{0\}$ , by using Jordan's normal form in the real field for  $(E^c, \gamma)$ , we get a finite direct sum  $E^c = E^{c0} \oplus \dots \oplus E^{ck}$  of the subspaces  $E^{ci}$  satisfying the following conditions; for  $0 \leq i \leq k$ , the dimension of  $E^{ci}$  is 1 or 2, and

$$\gamma_{E^c} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_0 & I_1 & & 0 \\ & \gamma_1 & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \ddots & I_k \\ & & & \gamma_k \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $\gamma_i : E^{ci} \rightarrow E^{ci}$  is an isometry under some norm  $|\cdot|_{c_i}$  of  $E^{ci}$ .



and each  $I_i : E^{ci} \rightarrow E^{ci-1}$  is either a zero map or a map corresponding to the identity matrix. Define a norm  $|\cdot|_c$  of  $E^c$  by

$$|v|_c = \max\{|v^i|_{c_i} : 0 \leq i \leq k\} \quad (v = v^0 + \dots + v^k \in \bigoplus_{i=0}^k E^{ci}).$$

Clearly

$$\|v\| = \max\{|v^s|_s, |v^c|_c, |v^u|_u\} \quad (v = v^s + v^c + v^u \in \mathbb{R}^r)$$

is equivalent to the usual norm of  $\mathbb{R}^r$ . If  $B(\alpha) = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^r : \|v\| \leq \alpha\}$  for  $\alpha > 0$ , then there is  $\alpha_1 > 0$  such that  $\psi(B(\alpha_1)) \oplus F$  is a closed neighbourhood of 0 in  $X$  (by Lemma 1 (iv)). For  $x = x_1 + x_2$  with  $x_1 \in \psi(B(\alpha_1))$  and  $x_2 \in F$ , put

$$\rho(x) = \max\{\alpha_1, \max\{\|\psi^{-1}(x_1)\|, d(x_2, 0)\}\}$$

and define a metric  $d_1$  for  $X$  by

$$d_1(x, y) = \begin{cases} \rho(x, y) & \text{if } x - y \in \psi(B(\alpha_1)) \oplus F \\ \alpha_1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The metric  $d_1$  is compatible with the original topology of  $X$  and in particular  $d_1(\psi(v), 0) = \|v\|$  for  $v \in B(\alpha_1)$ . For  $\alpha \in (0, \alpha_1)$ , we define  $F(\alpha) = \{x \in F : d_1(x, 0) \leq \alpha\}$ . Since

$$F' = \bigcap_{n=-1}^1 \sigma^n(F^+) \oplus \bigcap_{n=-1}^1 \sigma^n(F^-) \oplus H$$

is an open subgroup of  $F$  (by Lemma 2), there is  $\beta > 0$  ( $\beta < \alpha_1/2$ ) such that  $F(\beta) \subset F'$ . Here we may assume that the number  $\beta$  is chosen so that  $B(\beta) \subset \bigcap_{n=-1}^1 \gamma^n(B(\alpha_1))$ . Put  $E = E^{c0}$  and  $E' = E^{c1} \oplus \dots \oplus E^{ck} \oplus E^s \oplus E^u$ . For any  $v \in \mathbb{R}^r = E \oplus E'$ , let  $v = (v_1, v_2, \dots$

$\dots, v_r)$  be the representation by components with respect to the fundamental vector of  $\mathbb{R}^r = E \oplus E'$ . Put  $\varepsilon = \beta/8$  and fix any  $\delta > 0$  ( $\delta < \varepsilon$ ). Let  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^r \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^r$  be the time-one map for the vector field (\*) given by

$$(*) \quad \dot{v}_i = \delta' \chi(v_1) \cdots \chi(v_r) v_i \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq r,$$

where  $\chi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function of class  $C^\infty$  such that  $0 < \chi(t) < 1$  ( $\beta/2 < |t| < 2\beta/3$ ),  $\chi(t) = 1$  ( $|t| < \beta/2$ ) and  $\chi(t) = 0$  ( $2\beta/3 \leq |t|$ ), and  $\delta' > 0$  is a real number chosen such that  $\|\phi(v) - v\| < \delta$  for  $v \in \mathbb{R}^r$ . Let  $\tilde{\phi}$  be a map from  $\psi(B(\alpha_1)) \oplus F$  onto itself defined by

$$\tilde{\phi}(x) = \begin{cases} \psi(v) + f & \text{if } f \notin F' \\ \psi(\phi(v)) + f & \text{if } f \in F' \end{cases}$$

for  $x = \psi(v) + f \in \psi(B(\alpha_1)) \oplus F$ . We shall denote again by  $\tilde{\phi}$  the extension on  $X$  as  $\tilde{\phi}(x) = x$  for  $x \notin \psi(B(\alpha_1)) \oplus F$ . Define a map  $g : X \rightarrow X$  by  $g(x) = \tilde{\phi} \circ \sigma(x)$  ( $x \in X$ ). Obviously,  $d_1(\sigma, g) < \delta$  and  $g \in \mathcal{H}(X)$ . Consider  $x' = \psi(u)$  where  $u = (\beta/4, 0, 0, \dots, 0) \in E \oplus E' = \mathbb{R}^r$ . Then we get

$$d_1(\sigma^n(x'), 0) = d_1(\psi(\gamma^n(u)), 0) = \|\gamma^n(u)\| = \beta/4$$

for all  $n \geq 0$ . For any

$$y \in W_\varepsilon(x') = \{z \in X : d_1(z, x') \leq \varepsilon\} = \psi(B(\varepsilon)) \oplus F(\varepsilon) + x',$$

there are  $w \in B(\varepsilon)$  and  $f \in F(\varepsilon)$  such that  $y = \psi(w + u) + f$ . It is clear that  $\beta/8 < \|\pi_E(w + u)\| < 3\beta/8$ , where  $\pi_E : \mathbb{R}^r \rightarrow E$  denotes a projection along complementary subspace  $E'$ . Hence there is the

smallest integer  $n_0 \geq 0$  such that  $3\beta/8 < \|(\phi\gamma)^{n_0}(w+u)\| < \alpha_1$  or  $d_1(\sigma^{n_0}(f), 0) > 3\beta/8$  ( $\sigma^{n_0}(f) \in F$ ) holds. Since  $\psi_{B(\alpha_1)}$  is an isometry, we can easily obtain that  $d_1(g^{n_0}(y), 0) > 3\beta/8$ , and so  $d_1(\sigma^{n_0}(x'), g^{n_0}(y)) > \beta/8 = \varepsilon$ . Therefore  $(X, \sigma)$  is not persistent.

To see that (2)  $\rightarrow$  (1), we show that if  $(\mathbb{R}^r, \gamma)$  is hyperbolic, then  $(X, \sigma)$  is topologically stable and a continuous map  $h : X \rightarrow X$  is onto. To get the conclusion, it is enough to check that a continuous map  $h$  constructed in the proof of the statement (B)  $\rightarrow$  (A) of [1] (see pp. 133-135 and Correction) is onto. This is sketched as follows (see [1] for details).

There is a 1-to-1 group homomorphism  $\psi^* : \mathbb{R}^r / \text{Ker } \psi \rightarrow \psi(\mathbb{R}^r)$ . In [1],  $\mathbb{R}^r / \text{Ker } \psi$  is denoted by the symbol  $V_1 \oplus V_2$ . Remark that  $\text{Ker } \psi \subset \mathbb{Z}^r$  by Lemma 1 (iii). Let  $\check{d}_0$  denote the metric induced on  $V_1 \oplus V_2$  by the metric  $d_0$  of  $\mathbb{R}^r$ . We note that  $d_0$  is equivalent to the Euclidean metric on  $\mathbb{R}^r$  (see [1, p. 123]). Let  $\tilde{\gamma} : V_1 \oplus V_2 \rightarrow V_1 \oplus V_2$  denote the map induced by  $\gamma$ . Obviously,  $\psi^* \circ \tilde{\gamma} = \sigma \circ \psi^*$ . Since  $\gamma$  is hyperbolic,  $\tilde{\gamma}$  is topologically stable (see [1, pp. 131-132] or [4]). For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  (very small), let  $\delta > 0$  be the number with the property of topological stability. Take and fix any  $f \in \mathcal{H}(X)$  with  $d_1(f, \sigma) < \delta$ . Then there is a sequence  $\{f_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} \subset \mathcal{H}(X)$  such that  $f_n(\psi(\mathbb{R}^r)) = \psi(\mathbb{R}^r)$  ( $n \geq 0$ ),  $d_1(f_n, \sigma) < \delta$  for  $n$  large enough and  $f_n \rightarrow f$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ). Fix an integer  $n$  such that  $d_1(f_n, \sigma) < \delta$ , and put  $\check{f}_n(v) = \psi^{*-1} \circ f_n \circ \psi^*(v)$  for  $v \in V_1 \oplus V_2$ . Then  $\check{f}_n : V_1 \oplus V_2 \rightarrow V_1 \oplus V_2$  is a homeomorphism and  $\check{d}_0(\check{f}_n(v), \tilde{\gamma}(v)) < \delta$  for  $v \in V_1 \oplus V_2$ . So there is a continuous map  $\check{h}_n : V_1 \oplus V_2 \rightarrow V_1 \oplus V_2$  such that  $\check{h}_n \circ \check{f}_n = \tilde{\gamma} \circ \check{h}_n$  and  $\check{d}_0(\check{h}_n(v), v) < \varepsilon$  ( $v \in V_1 \oplus V_2$ ). Since the

natural projection  $p : \mathbb{R}^r \rightarrow V_1 \oplus V_2$  is a covering projection, there is a lifting  $\bar{h}_n : \mathbb{R}^r \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^r$  of  $\tilde{h}_n$  such that  $d_0(\bar{h}_n(v), v) < \varepsilon$  for  $v \in \mathbb{R}^r$ . Hence by Lemma 3,  $\bar{h}_n$  maps  $\mathbb{R}^r$  onto itself, and so  $\tilde{h}_n(V_1 \oplus V_2) = V_1 \oplus V_2$  (since  $\tilde{h}_n \circ p = p \circ \bar{h}_n$ ). Put  $h_n = \psi^* \circ \tilde{h}_n \circ \psi^{*-1}$ . Then for an arbitrarily large  $n$ , we get that  $h_n \circ f_n = \sigma \circ h_n$  on  $\psi(\mathbb{R}^r)$ ,  $d_1(h_n(x), x) < \varepsilon$  ( $x \in \psi(\mathbb{R}^r)$ ),  $h_n(\psi(\mathbb{R}^r)) = \psi(\mathbb{R}^r)$ , and  $h_n$  is uniformly continuous (see [1, Correction]). Thus,  $h_n$  is extended to a surjective continuous map of  $X$  since  $\overline{\psi(\mathbb{R}^r)} = X$  by Lemma 1 (ii). We shall denote it by the same symbol. Since  $\{h_n\}$  converges uniformly to some continuous map  $h$  of  $X$  (see [1, Correction]), it follows that  $h \circ f = \sigma \circ h$  on  $X$ ,  $d_1(h, id) \leq \varepsilon$  and  $h(X) = X$ . The proof is complete.

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