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EXPANSIVE FLOWS AND THEIR CENTRALIZERS

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1. Introduction and preliminaries

R. Bowen and P. Walters [2] have defined expansive flows on metric spaces which generalized the similar notion by D. Anosov [1]. On the other hand, P. Walters [4] investigated continuous transformations of metric spaces with discrete centralizers and unstable centralizers and proved that expansive homeomorphisms have unstable centralizers.

M will denote a compact connected C^∞ manifold without boundary. We assume that we have some fixed Riemannian metric $|\cdot|$ on M. We denote by $d(x, y)$ the distance between $x, y \in M$ given by this Riemannian metric. $C^1(M)$ (resp. $C^0(M)$) will denote the set of all C^1 (resp. continuous) functions on M.

X will denote a compact connected metric space with metric function $d(x, y)$ which denotes the distance between $x, y \in X$.

$\boldsymbol{R}$ denote the additive group of real numbers.

A map $F: \boldsymbol{R} \times X \to X$ is called a continuous flow on X if F is continuous and $F(t + s, x) = F(t, F(s, x)), F(0, x) = x$ for every $t, s \in \boldsymbol{R}$ and $x \in X$. We shall sometimes use the notation $f_t(x) = F(t, x)$ and write $\{f_t\}$ for the flow instead of F.

DEFINITION 1. A continuous flow F on X is called an expansive flow if it has the following property $(*)$;

$(*)$ For any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ with the property that if there exist a pair of points $x, y \in X$ and a continuous map $s: \boldsymbol{R} \to \boldsymbol{R}$ with $s(0) = 0$ such that $d(f_t(x), f_{s(t)}(y)) < \delta$ for every $t \in \boldsymbol{R}$, then $y = f_t(x)$ for some $|t| < \varepsilon$.

Let v be a C^1-vector field on M and $\{f_t\}$ be the one-parameter group of C^1-diffeomorphisms f_t of M generated by v. We shall sometimes use the notation $f(t, x) = f_t(x)$ for every $t \in \boldsymbol{R}$ and $x \in M$. A C^1-vector field

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v(or $\{f_t\}$) on M is sometimes called a C^1-flow on M.

v(or $\{f_t\}$) is called a C^1-expansive flow on M if $\{f_t\}$ satisfies the property $(*)$.

DEFINITION 2. Let v be a C^1-vector field on M. A C^1-vector field w on M is called C^1-commutative with v if $[v\ w]=0$, where [ ] is Lie bracket. Let $\{f_t\}$ be a continuous flow on X, then a continuous flow $\{g_s\}$ on X is called commutative with $\{f_t\}$ if $f_t \circ g_s = g_s \circ f_t$ for every t, $s \in \boldsymbol{R}$.

Cent (F) (resp. Cent (v)) will denote the centralizer of F (resp. v), i.e. the set of all continuous flows (resp. C^1-vector fields) (C^1)-commutative with F (resp. v).

DEFINITION 3. Let v be a C^1-flow on M. v is said to have an unstable centralizer if it satisfies the property that $w \in \operatorname{Cent}(v)$ if and only if $w = h \cdot v$ with $h \in C^1(M)$, $v(h)=0$.

DEFINITION 4. A continuous flow F on X is said to have an unstable centralizer if it satisfies the property that G is in Cent (F) if and only if there exists a continuous function A on X such that

$$G(t, x) = F(A(x)t, x)\ , \qquad A(x) = A(F(t, x))$$

for every $t \in \boldsymbol{R}$ and $x \in X$.

For a continuous flow F on X, we put

$$\varepsilon_0(F) = \inf\{t > 0\,;\, F(t, x) = x \text{ for some } x \in X\}$$

in the case when there exists a periodic (or fixed) point of F. When there is no periodic point we put $\varepsilon_0(F) = +\infty$.

In this paper, as an analogue of the case of expansive homeomorphisms, we shall prove that expansive flows have unstable centralizers. K. Kato and A. Morimoto [3] proved the above fact for the case of Anosov flows by using the topological stability.

Next, we shall prove that the set of all expansive flows in Cent (F), where F is an expansive flow on X, is an open subset of Cent (F) with respect to C^0-topology.

In the section 4, we shall prove that a flow commutative with an Anosov flow is an Anosov flow if it is a C^1-expansive flow on M.

The idea of the proof of Lemma 3 was inspired by that of Theorem B [3].

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2. Unstable centralizers

In this section, we shall prove the following Theorem 1.

THEOREM 1. *Expansive flows on X have unstable centralizers.*

To prove Theorem 1, first, we shall prove the following Lemma 1 and Lemma 2.

Remark. An expansive flow F on a connected metric space X has no fixed points (cf. [2]). Further, if a continuous flow F on X has no fixed points, then $\varepsilon_0(F) > 0$.

LEMMA 1. *Let F be an expansive flow on X and $G \in \mathrm{Cent}\,(F)$. Then for any $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_0(F)/3$, we can find $\mu > 0$ such that there exists uniquely a function z on $[-\mu, \mu] \times X$ satisfying*

$$G(s, x) = F(z(s, x), x)\ , \qquad |z(s, x)| < \varepsilon\ ,$$

for any $(s, x) \in [-\mu, u] \times X$.

Proof. For any $\varepsilon > 0$, we have $\delta > 0$ such that if $d(f_t(x), f_t(y)) < \delta$ for every $t \in \boldsymbol{R}$, then $y = f_t(x)$ for some $|t| < \varepsilon$. Since M is a compact manifold, there exists sufficiently small $\mu > 0$ with

$$\max\{d(g_0(x), g_t(x))\,;\, t \in [-\mu, \mu], x \in M\} < \delta\ .$$

Since $f_t \circ g_s = g_s \circ f_t$ for every $t, s \in \boldsymbol{R}$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} d(f_t(x), f_t(g_s(x))) &= d(f_t \circ g_0(x), f_t \circ g_s(x)) \\ &= d(g_0(f_t(x)), g_s(f_t(x))) < \delta \end{aligned}$$

for any $x \in M$ and every $t, s \in \boldsymbol{R}$ with $|s| \leqq \mu$.
Therefore we get

$$g_s(x) = F(z(s, x), x)\ , \qquad |z(s, x)| < \varepsilon\ .$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be sufficiently small and $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_0(F)/3$, then

$$F(z_1(s, x), x) = F(z_2(s, x), x)$$

implies $z_1(s, x) = z_2(s, x)$. Hence, we know that $z(s, x)$ is unique.

Q.E.D.

LEMMA 2. *Let F be a continuous flow on X without fixed points. Let G be a continuous flow on X such that for fixed $\mu > 0$, there exists a function z on $[-\mu, \mu] \times X$, and*

$$G(s, x) = F(z(s, x), x) , \qquad |z(s, x)| < \varepsilon ,$$

where $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_0(F)/3$. Then we get (i), (ii);

(i) *z is continuous on $[-\mu, \mu] \times X$,*

(ii) *if $t, s, t + s \in [-\mu, \mu]$, then*

$$z(t + s, x) = z(t, x) + z(s, G(t, x))$$

for any $x \in X$.

Proof. We shall prove (i). If z is not continuous, there exist $(s, x) \in [-\mu, \mu] \times X$ and $\{(s_n, x_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset [-\mu, \mu] \times X$ such that $(s_n, x_n) \to (s, x)$ and $\{z(s_n, x_n)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ does not converge to $z(s, x)$ as $n \to \infty$. Therefore, we have $\delta_0 > 0$ and subsequence $\{(s_m, x_m)\}$ with $|z(s_m, x_m) - z(s, x)| \geqq \delta_0$ for any positive integer m. $\{z(s_m, x_m)\}$ is bounded, hence there exists $\delta_1 > 0$ such that

$$\delta_1 \leqq d(F(z(s_m, x_m), x), F(z(s, x), x))$$

for any m.
Whence we get

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_1 \leqq\ & d(F(z(s_m, x_m), x_m), F(z(s_m, x_m), x)) \\ & + d(F(z(s_m, x_m), x_m), F(z(s, x), x)) . \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

From $G(s_m, x_m) \to G(s, x)$ as $m \to \infty$, we get

$$d(F(z(s_m, x_m), x_m), F(z(s, x), x)) \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad m \to \infty .$$

Since $\{z(s_m, x_m)\}$ is bounded, there exist $t_0 \in \boldsymbol{R}$ and subsequence $\{z(s_k, x_k)\}$ with $\lim z(s_k, x_k) = t_0$. Therefore

$$d(F(z(s_k, x_k), x_k), F(z(s_k, x_k), x)) \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad k \to \infty .$$

This contradicts to (1).

Next, we prove (ii). We can calculate as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} G(t + s, x) &= G(t, G(s, x)) \\ &= F(z(t, g_s(x)), g_s(x)) \end{aligned}$$

$$= F(z(t, g_s(x)), F(z(s, x), x))$$
$$= F(z(t, g_s(x)) + z(s, x), x) ,$$

on the other hand

$$G(t + s, x) = F(z(t + s, x), x) .$$

Hence we have

$$z(t + s, x) = z(t, g_s(x)) + z(s, x)$$

for $t, s, t + s \in [-\mu, \mu]$ and $x \in X$.

Q.E.D.

Using Lemma 2, we shall prove the following:

LEMMA 3. *Let F be a continuous flow on X without fixed points. Let G be a continuous flow on X such that for fixed $\mu > 0$, there exists a continuous function z on $[-\mu, \mu] \times X$, and*

$$G(s, x) = F(z(s, x), x) , \qquad |z(s, x)| < \varepsilon ,$$

for every $s \in [-\mu, \mu]$ and $x \in X$, where $0 < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_0(F)/3$. Then there exists a unique continuous function $p: \boldsymbol{R} \times X \to \boldsymbol{R}$ such that

$$G(t, x) = F(p(t, x), x)$$

for $(t, x) \in \boldsymbol{R} \times X$, and $p = z$ on $[-\mu, \mu] \times X$.

Proof. Take a positive integer N so large as $1/2^N \leqq \mu$.

First, we define a continuous function z_1 on $[1/2^N, 2/2^N] \times X$ by

$$z_1(t, x) = z(t - 1/2^N, x) + z(1/2^N, G(t - 1/2^N, x))$$

for $(t, x) \in [1/2^N, 2/2^N] \times X$.

We shall prove the following equalities;

(a) $z_1(1/2^N, x) = z(1/2^N, x)$ for any $x \in X$,

(b) $G(t, x) = F(z_1(t, x), x)$

for any $(t, x) \in [1/2^N, 2/2^N] \times X$.

(a) is clear from the definition of z_1.

To prove (b), first, we can calculate from Lemma 2 as follows;

$$O = z(1/2^N - 1/2^N, g_t(x))$$
$$= z(1/2^N, G(t - 1/2^N, x)) + z(-1/2^N, g_t(x)) .$$

Therefore we get

$$z(-1/2^N, g_t(x)) = -z(1/2^N, G(t-1/2^N, x))$$

for $t \in [1/2^N, 2/2^N]$ and $x \in X$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} F(-z(1/2^N, G(t-1/2^N, x)), F(z_1(t, x), x)) \\ &= F(z(t-1/2^N, x), x) \\ &= G(t-1/2^N, x) \\ &= G(-1/2^N, g_t(x)) \\ &= F(z(-1/2^N, g_t(x)), g_t(x)) \ . \end{aligned}$$

Whence we get

$$G(t, x) = F(z_1(t, x), x)$$

for $(t, x) \in [1/2^N, 2/2^N] \times X$.

Next, we define a continuous function $\bar{z}_1$ on $[-2/2^N, -1/2^N] \times X$ by

$$\bar{z}_1(t, x) = z(t+1/2^N, x) + z(-1/2^N, G(t+1/2^N, x))$$

for $(t, x) \in [-2/2^N, -1/2^N] \times X$.

We shall prove the following equalities;

(c) $\bar{z}_1(-1/2^N, x) = z(-1/2^N, x)$ for $x \in X$,

(d) $G(t, x) = F(\bar{z}_1(t, x), x)$

for $(t, x) \in [-2/2^N, -1/2^N] \times X$.

(c) is clear from the definition of $\bar{z}_1$.

To prove (d), we can obtain the following equality from Lemma 2,

$$z(1/2^N, g_t(x)) = -z(-1/2^N, G(t+1/2^N, x))$$

for $t \in [-2/2^N, -1/2^N]$ and $x \in X$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} F(-z(-1/2^N, G(t+1/2^N, x)), F(\bar{z}_1(t, x), x)) \\ &= F(z(t+1/2^N, x), x) \\ &= G(t+1/2^N, x) \\ &= G(1/2^N, g_t(x)) \\ &= F(z(1/2^N, g_t(x)), g_t(x)) \ . \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we get

$$G(t, x) = F(\bar{z}_1(t, x), x)$$

for $(t, x) \in [-2/2^N, -1/2^N] \times X$.

Now, for any positive integer k we define a continuous function z_k on $[k/2^N, (k+1)/2^N] \times X$ by

$$z_k(t, x) = z(t - k/2^N, x) + \sum_{i=1}^{k} z(1/2^N, G(t - i/2^N, x)) .$$

We shall prove the following equalities;

(e) $z_k((k+1)/2^N, x) = z_{k+1}((k+1)/2^N, x)$ for $x \in X$,

(f) $z_k(t, x) = z_{k-1}(t - 1/2^N, x) + z(1/2^N, G(t - 1/2^N, x))$

for $(t, x) \in [k/2^N, (k+1)/2^N] \times X$,

(g) $G(t, x) = F(z_k(t, x), x)$

for $t \in [k/2^N, (k+1)/2^N]$ and $x \in X$.

In fact, the right-hand side of (e) is $\sum_{i=0}^{k} z(1/2^N, G(i/2^N, x))$, while left-hand side of (e) is

$$\begin{aligned} z_k((k+1)/2^N, x) &= z(1/2^N, x) + \sum_{i=1}^{k} z(1/2^N, G((k+1-i)/2^N, x)) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{k} z(1/2^N, G(i/2^N, x)) . \end{aligned}$$

Next, we shall prove (f) as follows;

$$\begin{aligned} z_k(t, x) &= z(t - 1/2^N - (k-1)/2^N, x) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{k} z(1/2^N, G(t - 1/2^N - (i-1)/2^N, x)) \\ &= z(1/2^N, G(t - 1/2^N, x)) + z(t - 1/2^N - (k-1)/2^N, x) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} z(1/2^N, G(t - 1/2^N - i/2^N, x)) \\ &= z(1/2^N, G(t - 1/2^N, x)) + z_{k-1}(t - 1/2^N, x) . \end{aligned}$$

We shall show (g) by induction. We have already proved (g) for $k = 1$. From (f),

$$\begin{aligned} F(-z(1/2^N, &G(t - 1/2^N, x)), F(z_k(t, x), x)) \\ &= F(z_{k-1}(t - 1/2^N, x), x) \\ &= G(t - 1/2^N, x) \\ &= G(-1/2^N, g_t(x)) \\ &= F(z(-1/2^N, g_t(x)), g_t(x)) \\ &= F(-z(1/2^N, G(t - 1/2^N, x)), g_t(x)) . \end{aligned}$$

Whence we get

$$G(t, x)=F(z_k(t, x), x)$$

for $t \in [k/2^N, (k+1)/2^N]$ and $x \in X$.

Next, we define a continuous function $\bar{z}_k$, where k is a positive integer, on $[-(k+1)/2^N, -k/2^N] \times X$ by

$$\bar{z}_k(t, x) = z(t + k/2^N, x) + \sum_{i=1}^{k} z(-1/2^N, G(t + i/2^N, x)) .$$

We can verify the following (h), (i), (j) in the same way as the proof of (e), (f), (g).

(h) $\bar{z}_k(-(k+1)/2^N, x) = \bar{z}_{k+1}(-(k+1)/2^N, x)$ for $x \in X$,

(i) $\bar{z}_k(t, x) = \bar{z}_{k-1}(t + 1/2^N, x) + z(-1/2^N, G(t + 1/2^N, x))$

for $(t, x) \in [-(k+1)/2^N, -k/2^N] \times X$

(j) $G(t, x) = F(\bar{z}_k(t, x), x)$

for $t \in [-(k+1)/2^N, -k/2^N]$ and $x \in X$.

Consequently, we can define the function $p(t, x)$ on $\boldsymbol{R} \times X$ by

$$p(t, x) = \begin{cases} z_k(t, x) & \text{if } t \in [k/2^N, (k+1)/2^N] \\ \bar{z}_k(t, x) & \text{if } t \in [-(k+1)/2^N, -k/2^N] \end{cases}$$

for $k = 0, 1, 2, \cdots$, where $z_0 = z$. Using (e), (h), we see that p is a continuous function on $R \times X$ and from (g), (j), we know

$$G(t, x) = F(p(t, x), x)$$

for every $t \in \boldsymbol{R}$ and $x \in X$.

It is clear that $p(t, x) = z(t, x)$ for every $t \in [-\mu, \mu]$ and $x \in X$.

Finally, we shall prove the uniqueness. We assume that there exist two functions p_1, p_2 such that

$$G(t, x) = F(p_i(t, x), x)$$

for $(t, x) \in \boldsymbol{R} \times X$ and $p_i = z$ on $[-\mu, \mu] \times X$ $(i = 1, 2)$. Put $\alpha(t, x) = p_1(t, x) - p_2(t, x)$ and $T_x = \{t \in \boldsymbol{R}; \alpha(t, x) = 0\}$ for fixed $x \in X$. Then, since $F(\alpha(t, x), x) = x$ holds for $(t, x) \in \boldsymbol{R} \times X$, we see that T_x is a non-empty, open and closed subset of $\boldsymbol{R}$. Therefore we get $T_x = \boldsymbol{R}$ for any $x \in X$ which implies $p_1 = p_2$. Q.E.D.

Proof of Theorem 1. Let F be an expansive flow on X and let $G \in \mathrm{Cent}(F)$. By Lemma 3, we can calculate as follows;

$$\begin{aligned} G(t, F(s, x)) &= g_t \circ f_s(x) = f_s \circ g_t(x) \\ &= F(s, G(t, x)) = F(s + p(t, x), x) , \end{aligned}$$

on the other hand

$$G(t, F(s, x)) = F(p(t, f_s(x)), f_s(x)) = F(p(t, f_s(x)) + s, x) .$$

Therefore, for sufficiently small $\mu > 0$, we have

$$p(t, x) = p(t, f_s(x))$$

for every $t \in [-\mu, \mu]$ and $s \in \boldsymbol{R}$. From the uniqueness of the function p and using (f), (i) in the proof of Lemma 3, we can prove by induction that

$$p(t, x) = p(t, f_s(x))$$

for every $t, s \in \boldsymbol{R}$.

Now, we get

$$G(t + s, x) = G(t, G(s, x)) = F(p(t, g_s(x)) + p(s, x), x) ,$$

on the other hand

$$G(t + s, x) = F(p(t + s, x), x) .$$

Hence, for sufficiently small $\mu > 0$, we get

$$p(t + s, x) = p(t, x) + p(s, x)$$

for every $t, s, t + s \in [-\mu, \mu]$ and $x \in X$. From the uniqueness of the function p and using (f), (i), we can prove that

$$p(t + s, x) = p(t, x) + p(s, x)$$

for every $t, s \in \boldsymbol{R}$ and $x \in X$. Therefore, we can write

$$p(t, x) = A(x) \cdot t$$

for $t \in \boldsymbol{R}$ and $x \in X$, where $A(x)$ is a continuous function on X. Since $p(t, x) = p(t, f_s(x))$ for any $s \in \boldsymbol{R}$, we get $A(x) = A(F(s, x))$ for every $s \in \boldsymbol{R}$.

Conversely, if G is a continuous flow on X and there exists a continuous function $A(x)$ on X such that

$$G(t, x) = F(A(x)t, x)\ , \qquad A(x) = A(F(s, x))$$

for every $t, s \in \boldsymbol{R}$, then it is clear that G is in Cent (F). Q.E.D.

COROLLARY 2. *C^1-expansive flows on M have unstable centralizers.*

Proof is omitted.

COROLLARY 3 (K. Kato and A. Morimoto). *Anosov flows on M have unstable centralizers.*

3. Expansive flows in Cent (F)

For continuous maps $f, g: X \to X$, $d_0(f, g)$ is defined by

$$d_0(f, g) = \max\{d(f(x), g(x))\,;\, x \in X\}\ .$$

First, we state the following:

LEMMA 4 (R. Bowen and P. Walters). *Let F be an expansive flow on X and let G be a continuous flow on X. If there exists a continuous function $p: \boldsymbol{R} \times X \to \boldsymbol{R}$ such that $G(t, x) = F(p(t, x), x)$ for every $t \in \boldsymbol{R}$ and $x \in X$, and $p_x: \boldsymbol{R} \to \boldsymbol{R}$ is a homeomorphism of $\boldsymbol{R}$ with $p_x(0) = 0$ for any $x \in X$, where $p_x(t) = p(t, x)$. Then G is an expansive flow on X.*

For the proof, see [2] Corollay 4.

THEOREM 4. *Let F be an expansive flow on X, and let $G \in$ Cent (F). Then there exist $\varepsilon > 0$ and $\delta > 0$ such that if $d_0(f_t, g_t) < \varepsilon$ for any $t \in [0, \delta]$, then G is an expansive flow on X.*

Proof. Put $\delta = \varepsilon_0(F)/2$, and

$$Q(x) = \max\{d(x, f_t(x))\,;\, t \in [0, \delta]\}$$

for any $x \in X$. Since F has no fixed points, $Q(x) > 0$ for every $x \in X$. Moreover, for any $x \in X$, there exist $\delta_1(x) > 0$ and a neighborhood U of x with $Q(y) \geqq \delta_1(x)$ for $y \in U$. Therefore, we get $\varepsilon = \inf\{Q(x)\,;\, x \in X\} > 0$.

Now, if $d_0(f_t, g_t) < \varepsilon$ for every $t \in [0, \delta]$, then G is an expansive flow. In fact, if G is not an expansive flow, then by Lemma 4 there exists $x_0 \in X$ with $A(x_0) = 0$, where A is a continuous funtin on X such that $G(t, x) = F(A(x)t, x)$ for every $t \in \boldsymbol{R}$ and $x \in X$. Hence, $G(t, x_0) = x_0$ for $t \in \boldsymbol{R}$. We can estimate as follows;

$$\varepsilon \leqq Q(x_0) = d(x_0, f_s(x_0)) = d(g_s(x_0), f_s(x_0)) \leqq d_0(g_s, f_s) < \varepsilon$$

for some $s \in [0, \delta]$. This is a contradiction. Therefore, G is an expansive flow on X. Q.E.D.

THEOREM 5. *Let F be an expansive flow on X. In* Cen t(F), *the set of all expansive flows on X is open with respect to C^0-topology.*

Proof. Let G be an expansive flow on X such that $G \in \mathrm{Cent}(F)$. Let H (or $\{h_t\}$) be a continuous flow in Cent (F) and $d_0(g_t, h_t) < \varepsilon(G)$ for every $t \in [0, \delta(G)]$, where $\varepsilon(G)$ and $\delta(G)$ are positive numbers which are obtained in Theorem 4. By Theorem 1, there exists a continuous function B on X such that

$$H(t, x) = F(B(x)t, x) , \qquad B(x) = B(F(t, x))$$

for $t \in \boldsymbol{R}$ and $x \in X$. On the other hand, we can write

$$G(t, x) = F(A(x)t, x) , \qquad A(x) = A(F(t, x))$$

for $t \in \boldsymbol{R}$ and $x \in X$, where A is a continuous function on X. Therefore, we get

$$\begin{aligned} h_t \circ g_s(x) &= h_t(F(A(x)s, x)) \\ &= F(B(x)t, F(A(x)s, x)) \\ &= F(A(x)s, F(B(x)t, x)) \\ &= g_s(F(B(x)t, x)) \\ &= g_s \circ h_t(x) \end{aligned}$$

for every $t, s \in \boldsymbol{R}$ and $x \in X$. Hence, by Theorem 4 H is an expansive flow on X. So we see that in Cent (F) the set of all expansive flows on X is an open set with respect to C^0-topology. Q.E.D.

EXAMPLE. Let S^1 be the unit circle. We consider S^1 as a compact connected C^∞ manifold by polar coordinates. Let a Riemannian metric $d(e^{it}, e^{is})$ on S^1, where $i = \sqrt{-1}$, be defined by

$$d(e^{it}, e^{is}) = |t - s| , \qquad -\pi < t - s < \pi \pmod{2n\pi} .$$

A continuous flow $F(t, e^{is}) = e^{i(t+s)}$ is an expansive flow on S^1.

By Theorem 1, we get that for any continuous flow on S^1 $G \in \mathrm{Cent}(F)$, there exists a unique constant $a \in \boldsymbol{R}$ with $G(t, x) = F(a \cdot t, x)$ for

$t \in \boldsymbol{R}$ and $x \in S^1$. Consequently, we know that $G \in \mathrm{Cent}(F)$ is not an expansive flow on S^1 if and only if $G(t, x) = x$ for every $t \in \boldsymbol{R}$ and $x \in S^1$.

4. Anosov flows

TM will denote the tangent bundle of M and $V^1(M)$ (resp. $V^0(M)$) the vector space of all C^1 (resp. continuous) vector fields on M. A diffeomorphism f of M induces a linear automorphism $F = F(f)$ of $V^0(M)$ defined by $F(v) = df \circ v \circ f^{-1}$ for $v \in V^0(M)$, where df denotes the differential of f.

DEFINITION 5. A vector field $v \in V^1(M)$ or the flow $\{f_t\}$ generated by v is called an Anosov flow on M if $v(x) \neq 0$ for $x \in M$ and if there exist a Riemannian metric $|\cdot|$ on M, constants $C > 0$, $0 < \lambda < 1$ and a decomposition of the tangent space $T_x M = E_x^0 \oplus E_x^s \oplus E_x^u$ into three subspaces, which vary continuously with x on M satisfying the following conditions;

(0) $E_x^0 = \boldsymbol{R} \cdot v(x)$,

(i) df_t leaves invariant the subbundles E^s and E^u respectively, where $E^\alpha = \bigcup_{x \in M} E_x^\alpha$, $\alpha = s, u$,

(ii) $|df_t w| \leqq C\lambda^t |w|$ for $w \in E^s$, $t \geqq 0$
$|df_t w| \leqq C\lambda^{-t} |w|$ for $w \in E^u$, $t \leqq 0$.

The splitting $TM = E^0 \oplus E^s \oplus E^u$, $E^0 = \bigcup_{x \in M} E_x^0$, is the continuous Whitney sum.

Now, the vector space $V^0(M)$ becomes a Banach space with the norm

$$\|v\| = \sup\{|v(x)|; x \in M\}$$

for $v \in V^0(M)$. An equivalent way of defining an Anosov flow is as follows; v or $\{f_t\}$ is an Anosov flow if there exist a Riemannian metric $|\cdot|$ on M and constants $C > 0, 0 < \lambda < 1$, such that $V^0(M) = V^0 \oplus V^s \oplus V^u$ (vector space direct sum), where we have put $V^0 = \{h \cdot v; h \in C^0(M)\}$, $F^t V^\alpha = V^\alpha$ $(t \in \boldsymbol{R})$, $\alpha = s, u$, and the restriction $F_\alpha^t = F^t|_{V^\alpha}$, $\alpha = s, u$, satisfies

$$\|F_s^t\| \leqq C\lambda^t \qquad t \geqq 0$$
$$\|F_u^t\| \leqq C\lambda^{-t} \qquad t \leqq 0,$$

where we define $F^t(w) = df_t \circ w \circ f_{-t}$ for $w \in V^0(M)$ and the norm

$$\|F_\alpha^t\| = \sup\{\|F^t(w)\|; w \in V^\alpha, \|w\| \leqq 1\}, \qquad \alpha = s, u.$$

LEMMA 5. *Let v (or $\{f_t\}$) be an Anosov flow on M and let $\{g_t\}$ be a C^1-flow on M such that $\{g_t\} \in \mathrm{Cent}(v)$. Let $V^0(M) = V^0 \oplus V^s \oplus V^u$ be the decomposition of $V^0(M)$ with respect to v. We decompose the operator $G^t(w) = dg_t \circ w \circ g_{-t}$ into*

$$G^t = \begin{pmatrix} G^t_{00} & G^t_{0s} & G^t_{0u} \\ G^t_{s0} & G^t_{ss} & G^t_{su} \\ G^t_{u0} & G^t_{us} & G^t_{uu} \end{pmatrix}$$

according to its components in V^0, V^s and V^u. Then

$$G^t_{\alpha\beta} = 0 \qquad \text{if} \quad \alpha \neq \beta \,.$$

Proof. Since $f_r \circ g_t = g_t \circ f_r$ for $t, r \in \boldsymbol{R}$, we get

$$\begin{pmatrix} G^t_{00} & G^t_{0s} & G^t_{0u} \\ G^t_{s0} & G^t_{ss} & G^t_{su} \\ G^t_{u0} & G^t_{us} & G^t_{uu} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F^r_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & F^r_s & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F^r_u \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F^r_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & F^r_s & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & F^r_u \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} G^t_{00} & G^t_{0s} & G^t_{0u} \\ G^t_{s0} & G^t_{ss} & G^t_{su} \\ G^t_{u0} & G^t_{us} & G^t_{uu} \end{pmatrix}$$

for every $t, r \in \boldsymbol{R}$. Hence we have

$$G^t_{s0} \circ F^r_0 = F^r_s \circ G^t_{s0} \qquad (1)$$

$$G^t_{u0} \circ F^r_0 = F^r_u \circ G^t_{u0} \qquad (2)$$

$$G^t_{0s} \circ F^r_s = F^r_0 \circ G^t_{0s} \qquad (3)$$

$$G^t_{0u} \circ F^r_u = F^r_0 \circ G^t_{0u} \qquad (4)$$

$$G^t_{us} \circ F^r_s = F^r_u \circ G^t_{us} \qquad (5)$$

$$G^t_{su} \circ F^r_u = F^r_s \circ G^t_{su} \qquad (6) \,.$$

By (5), we can estimate as follows;

$$\|G^t_{us}\| \leqq \|F^{-r}_u\| \cdot \|G^t_{us}\| \cdot \|F^r_s\| \leqq C^2 \lambda^{2r} \|G^t_{us}\|$$

for every $t, r \in \boldsymbol{R}$. Since $C^2\lambda^{2r} < 1$ for sufficiently large $r > 0$, we get $G^t_{us} = 0$ for every $t \in \boldsymbol{R}$. Similarly from (6), we get $G^t_{su} = 0$ for $t \in \boldsymbol{R}$.

Now, put $M_1 = \max\{|v(x)|;\, x \in M\}$, $m_1 = \min\{|v(x)|;\, x \in M\}$. Then since $F^r(v) = v$ and $F^r(h \cdot v) = h \circ f_{-r} \cdot v$ for $h \in C^0(M)$ and $r \in \boldsymbol{R}$, we get $\|F^r_0\| \leqq M_1/m_1$. Therefore, from (1), (2), (3), (4), we have $G^t_{0\alpha} = 0$ and $G^t_{\alpha 0} = 0, \alpha = s, u$, for $t \in \boldsymbol{R}$. Q.E.D.

THEOREM 6. *Let v (or $\{f_t\}$) be an Anosov flow on M and let $\{g_t\}$ be a C^1-flow on M such that $\{g_t\} \in \mathrm{Cent}(v)$. Then $\{g_t\}$ is a C^1-expansive flow on M if and only if $\{g_t\}$ is an Anosov flow on M.*

Proof. Since "if" has been proved by D. Anosov [1] (cf. [2]), we shall prove "only if". From Theorem 1 and $v(x) \neq 0$ for any $x \in M$, there exists a C^1-function A on M such that

$$g(t, x) = f(A(x)t, x) , \qquad A(x) = A(f(t, x))$$

for $t \in R$ and $x \in M$. Since M is connected and $\{g_t\}$ has no fixed points, $A(x) > 0$ for any $x \in M$ or $A(x) < 0$ for any $x \in M$.

We assume that $A(x) > 0$ for $x \in M$ and put $M_2 = \max\{A(x); x \in M\}$ and $m_2 = \min\{A(x); x \in M\}$.

Now, let $V^0(M) = V^0 \oplus V^s \oplus V^u$ be the decomposition of $V^0(M)$ with respect to v. To get the norm of G^t_{ss}, G^t_{uu}, we calculate as follows. Fix $x_0 \in M, w \in V^s, t \in \boldsymbol{R}$ and $h \in C^1(M)$, then we get

$$(G^t(w)h)(x_0) = dg_t(w(g_{-t}(x_0)))h = w(g_{-t}(x_0))(h \circ g_t) .$$

Take a neighborhood of $g_{-t}(x_0)$ with local coordinate system $\{y_1, \cdots, y_n\}$, and put

$$w(g_{-t}(x_0)) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i(\partial/\partial y_i)_{g_{-t}(x_0)} ,$$

where $n = \dim M$ and $a_1, \cdots, a_n$ are C^1-functions defined on the neighborhood of $g_{-t}(x_0)$. We put $y_0 = g_{-t}(x_0)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
w(y_0)(h \circ g_t) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i(\partial/\partial y_i)_{y_0}(h \circ f(A(y)t, y)) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \left[\frac{dh \circ f(s, y_0)}{ds}\right]_{s=A(y_0)t} \cdot \left[\frac{\partial A(y)t}{\partial y_i}\right]_{y=y_0} \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \left[\frac{\partial h \circ f(A(y_0)t, y)}{\partial y_i}\right]_{y=y_0} \\
&= t \cdot w(A)(y_0) \cdot v(f(A(y_0)t, y_0))h + w(y_0)(h \circ f(A(y_0)t, y)) \\
&= t \cdot w(A)(y_0) \cdot v(f(A(y_0)t, y_0))h + df_{A(y_0)t}(w(y_0))h \\
&= t \cdot (w(A) \circ g_{-t})(x_0) \cdot v(x_0)h + df_{A(y_0)t} \circ w \circ f(A(x_0)(-t), x_0)h \\
&= [(t \cdot w(A) \circ g_{-t}) \cdot v + F^{A(x_0)t}(w)](x_0)h .
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we get

$$G^t_{ss}w(x) = F^{A(x)t}w(x) , \qquad w(A) = 0$$

for $x \in M$ and $w \in V^s$. For any $w \in V^s$, $\|w\| \leqq 1$, $t \geqq 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\|G^t_{ss}w\| &= \sup\{|G^t_{ss}w(x)|\,;\,x\in M\}\\ &= \sup\{|F^{A(x)t}w(x)|\,;\,x\in M\}\\ &\leqq \sup\{C\lambda^{A(x)t}\,|w(x)|\,;\,x\in M\}\\ &\leqq \sup\{C\lambda^{m_2t}\,|w(x)|\,;\,x+M\}\\ &\leqq C(\lambda^{m_2})^t\ .\end{aligned}$$

Hence we get

$$\|G^t_{ss}\| \leqq C(\lambda^{m_2})^t \qquad t\geqq 0\ .$$

Similarly we get

$$G^t_{uu}w(x) = F^{A(x)t}w(x)\ , \qquad w(A)=0$$

for $x\in M$ and $w\in V^u$. Whence we have

$$\|G^t_{uu}\| \leqq C(\lambda^{m_2})^{-t} \qquad t\leqq 0\ .$$

In the case of $A<0$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\|G^t_{ss}\| &\leqq C(\lambda^{-M_2})^{-t} \qquad t\leqq 0\ ,\\ \|G^t_{uu}\| &\leqq C(\lambda^{-M_2})^{t} \qquad t\geqq 0\ .\end{aligned}$$

Consequently, in either case, using Lemma 5 we see that $\{g_t\}$ is an Anosov flow on M. Q.E.D.

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