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EXISTENCE OF REGULAR COVERINGS ASSOCIATED WITH LEAVES OF CODIMENSION ONE FOLIATIONS

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§1. Statement of results

In this paper we are concerned with transversely orientable codimension one foliations. Let \mathcal{F} be a C^r -foliation as above in a smooth manifold M, $r \ge 1$, and let F_0 be a closed leaf of \mathscr{F} . A neighborhood U of F_0 is called a *bicollar* of F_0 in this paper if there is a normal line bundle $\nu: U \to F_0$ with respect to a fixed Riemannian metric on M such that each fibre of ν is transverse to \mathscr{F} . For a bicollar U of F_0 , U_+ $=F_0 \cup (a \text{ component of } U-F_0) \text{ is called a collar of } F_0$. A leaf $F \in \mathscr{F}$ is said to be asymptotic to F_0 in U_+ if $F \cap V \neq \phi$ for any neighborhood V of F_0 in U_+ . Let F_V be a leaf asymptotic to F_0 of the restricted foliation $\mathscr{F}|V$, where V is a neighborhood of F_0 in U_+ . A plaque of F is a leaf of $F \mid N$ diffeomorphic to an open (n-1)-ball, where N is a sufficiently small open *n*-ball in the *n*-manifold *M*. A C^r -covering $\tilde{\nu}: \tilde{F}$ $ightarrow F_{\scriptscriptstyle 0}$ is said to be associated with $F_{\scriptscriptstyle V}$ if there is an injection $i\colon F_{\scriptscriptstyle V}
ightarrow ilde{F}$ such that $\tilde{\nu}i = \nu |F_{\nu}|$ and that *i* maps any plaque of $F_{\nu} C^{r}$ -diffeomorphically into \tilde{F} . The one sided holonomy group $\Phi_+(F_0)$ of F_0 is the holonomy group of F_0 defined by the restricted foliation $\mathcal{F} | U_+$.

The main purpose of this paper is to prove Theorem 2, which is an existence theorem of associated regular coverings. Theorem 1 is used in the proofs of Theorem 2 and Theorem 5. Theorem 3 and Theorem 4 are the properties of associated regular coverings. As an application we show Theorem 5, which is an unstability theorem of foliations.

THEOREM 2. Let \mathscr{F} be a transversely orientable C^r -foliation of codimension one, $r \geq 1$, F_0 be an orientable closed leaf of \mathscr{F} , and let U_+ be a collar of F_0 . Suppose that the one sided holonomy group $\Phi_+(F_0)$ is abelian. Then there is a neighborhood V_0 of F_0 in U_+ such that any

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neighborhood V of F_0 in V_0 satisfies the followings.

For each asymptotic leaf F to F_0 in U_+ let F_V be an asymptotic leaf of $\mathscr{F} | V$ to F_0 contained in F. Then, an unique (in the sense of the equivalence of coverings) C^r -regular covering $\tilde{\nu} \colon \tilde{F} \to F_0$ is associated with F_V and $\nu_*(\pi_1(F_V)) = \tilde{\nu}_*(\pi_1(\tilde{F}))$ in $\pi_1(F_0)$. Furthermore, the equivalence class of $\tilde{\nu}$ does not depend on V, and so an unique normal subgroup $G(F) = \nu_*(\pi_1(F_V))$ of $\pi_1(F_0)$ is associated with F.

 $\tilde{\nu}$ and G(F) are considered as invariants on the behavior of F in a neighborhood of F_0 in U_+ . There is an example of \mathscr{F} , F_0 , and an asymptotic leaf F to F_0 such that, for any one sided neighborhood V of F_0 , no regular covering is associated with F_V .

THEOREM 1. Suppose that \mathscr{F} , F_0 , and U_+ satisfy the same conditions as Theorem 2. Then, there are connected orientable codimension one submanifolds N_1, \dots, N_ℓ of F_0 satisfying the followings.

(i) $F_0 - N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_\ell$ is connected.

(ii) Let F_* be the manifold obtained by cutting open F_0 along N_1, \dots, N_i , and let $g: F_* \to F_0$ be the map pasting F_* on F_0 naturally. (There are definitions of F_* and g in §3.) Thus $\partial F_* = \bigcup_{i=1}^i N'_i \cup N''_i$, $g^{-1}(N_i) = N'_i \cup N''_i$, and $g(N'_i) = N_i = g(N''_i)$. Then, there are injective diffeomorphisms $f_i: [0, \varepsilon] \to [0, \varepsilon]$, $i = 1, \dots, \ell$ with the following properties.

(a) f_i(0) = 0 and f_if_j(t) = f_jf_i(t) for any i, j = 1, ..., ℓ and t such that f_if_j(t) and f_jf_i(t) are defined. (b) Denote by X_f the quotient manifold obtained from F_{*}×[0,ε] by identifying (x, t) ∈ N'_i×[0,ε] and (x, f_i(t)) ∈ N''_i×[0,ε] for all i = 1, ..., ℓ and t ∈ [0,ε]. By the commutativity of f_i and f_j, X_f is well defined. The product foliation of F_{*}×[0,ε] induces a foliation F_f on X_f. Then, there is a neighborhood V of F₀ in U₊ such that there is a leaf preserving C^r-diffeomorphism from V onto X_f.
(c) The germs of f₁, ..., f_ℓ at 0 generate Φ₊(F₀). Moreover, if dim F₀ > 2, they are chosen so that the germs of f₁, ..., f_ℓ are a basis of Φ₊(F₀).

The following results are consequence of Theorem 1 and Theorem 2.

THEOREM 3. Let \mathscr{F} be a transversely orientable C¹-foliation of codimension one, and let F_0 be an orientable closed leaf of \mathscr{F} . Suppose that $\pi_1(F_0) = \mathbb{Z}^m \times G$ for a finite group G and that $\{\log h'_{a_1}, \dots, \log h'_{a_m}\}$

is rationally independent for a basis $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$ of \mathbb{Z}^m , where h'_{α_i} is the derivative of the holonomy of α_i .

Then there are collars U_+ and U_- in the both sides of F_0 such that any leaf meeting U_{σ} is asymptotic to F_0 in U_{σ} and that, for any neighborhood V of F_0 in U_{σ} and for any $F \in \mathscr{F}$ meeting U_{σ} , an unique regular covering \tilde{F} with $\pi_1(\tilde{F}) \cong G$ is associated with F_V . Here σ denotes + or -.

THEOREM 4. Let \mathscr{F} be a transversely orientable codimension one foliation of class C^r , for $r \geq 2$, and let F_0 be an orientable closed leaf of \mathscr{F} . Suppose that the holonomy group $\Phi(F_0)$ of F_0 is abelian and that there is $\tilde{f} \in \Phi(F_0)$ such that the derivative \tilde{f}' of \tilde{f} at 0 satisfies $\tilde{f}' \neq 1$.

Then, there is a bicollar $U = U_+ \cup U_-$ of F_0 satisfying the followings. Let σ denote + or -. (i) Any leaf meeting U_σ is asymptotic to F_0 in U_σ . (ii) For any neighborhood V of F_0 in U_σ and for any leaf F meeting U_σ , an unique regular covering $\tilde{\nu}$ of F_0 is associated with F_V and the normal subgroup G(F) of $\pi_1(F_0)$ is well defined. Moreover, (iii) $\tilde{\nu}$ and G(F) do not depend on U_+, U_- , and F.

This theorem shows that, under the above assumptions, all leaves near F_0 in a collar are in the same situation and $\mathscr{F} | U_+, \mathscr{F} | U_-$ have the same structure.

Let F be a closed submanifold of M, and let $\mathscr{F}, \mathscr{F}'$ be foliations on a neighborhood of F in M having F as a leaf. We say that \mathscr{F} and \mathscr{F}' are *locally equivalent* at F, if there are neighborhoods U and U' of Fsuch that there is a homomorphism from U onto U' mapping any leaf of $\mathscr{F} | U$ onto a leaf of $\mathscr{F}' | U'$.

Let \mathscr{F}_F^1 be the set of germs at F of codimension $k \ C^1$ -foliations \mathscr{F} defined on neighborhoods $U_{\mathscr{F}}$ of F in M such that \mathscr{F} has F as a leaf, and let \mathscr{F}_F^1 have a suitable topology defined by the germ of the section into the Grassmannian which defines the foliation. H. Levine and M. Shub show an unstability theorem [2] as follows: If $\pi_1(F)$ has the form $\mathbb{Z}^m \times G$ for m > 1 and an arbitrary group G, there are no stable elements in \mathscr{F}_F^1 with respect to local equivalence at F.

Here, we show an unstability theorem for foliations defined on a fixed neighborhood U of F in M. Let $\operatorname{Fol}_F^r(U)$ be the space of C^r -foliations \mathscr{F} of codimension one defined on a neighborhood U of F in M such that \mathscr{F} has F as a leaf. Let $\operatorname{Fol}_F^r(U)$ have the C^r -topology defined.

in [1] using the charts $\{\varphi: I^{n-1} \times I \to M^n\}$.

THEOREM 5. Let F be an orientable closed submanifold of M of codimension one such that $\pi_1(F) = Z^m \times G$ for m > 1 and a finite group G. Let \mathcal{F} be a transversely orientable codimension one foliation of class C^r on a neighborhood of F in M with F as a leaf. Then,

(i) if r = 2, there is a neighborhood U of F such that for any neighborhood N of $\mathscr{F} | U$ in $\operatorname{Fol}_{F}^{1}(U)$ there is \mathscr{F}' in N which is not locally equivalent at F to \mathscr{F} . Moreover,

(ii) if r > 2, assume that there is α in $\pi_1(F)$ such that $|h'_{\alpha}| \neq 1$, where h'_{α} is the derivative of the holonomy of α . Then, the same result as (i) holds for $\operatorname{Fol}_{F^{-1}}^{r-1}(U)$.

In the preparation for this research the papers, [4] of Nishimori and [3] of Nakatsuka, were very helpful to the author.

§2. Preparation for Theorem 1

This section will be in the version of class C^{∞} . Let M be an oriented *n*-manifold, $n \geq 3$, and let N be an oriented closed smooth submanifold of M with codimension one. Let $F: B^{n-1} \times I \to M$ be an orientation preserving embedding such that $F(B^{n-1} \times I) \cap N = F(B^{n-1} \times \partial I)$, where B^{n-1} denotes an (n-1)-ball in \mathbb{R}^{n-1} with origin 0, I = [0, 1], and ∂ denotes the boundary. We obtain an (n-1)-submanifold

$$N_* = \{N - \operatorname{int} F(B^{n-1} \times \partial I)\} \cup F(\partial B^{n-1} \times I) .$$

By smoothing the corners, N_* can be regarded as a smooth manifold. Define a simple arc $f: I \to M$ by f(t) = F(0, t), $t \in I$. We shall say that N_* is obtained from N by attaching a 1-handle along a simple arc f. If the intersection number of N and f is zero, N_* is orientable. In this case we assume that N_* has the orientation compatible with that of N. Then, $[N_*] = [N]$ in $H_{n-1}(M; \mathbb{Z})$, where [] denotes the homology class.

LEMMA 1. Let M be an oriented manifold of dimension $n \ge 3$, and let N' be a connected oriented closed (n-1) submanifold of M. Then, for a simple closed path c in M which intersects N' at finite points, there is a connected oriented closed (n-1) submanifold N of M satisfying the following conditions.

(i) [N] = [N'] in $H_1(M; Z)$.

(ii) N intersects c at only $|[c] \cdot [N]|$ points.

(iii) For a small neighborhood U of c in M, N is included in $N' \cup U$.

Proof. We may assume $[c] \cdot [N'] \ge 0$ and that N' intersects with c transversely at more than $[c] \cdot [N']$ points, $x_1 = c(t_1), \dots, x_r = c(t_r), 0 < t_1 < \dots < t_r < 1$. We construct by induction on r the desired manifold N. There is i such that $1 \le i \le r-1$ and that the intersection number of N' and $c \mid [t_i, t_{i+1}]$ is zero. By attaching a 1-handle to N' along the simple subarc $c \mid [t_i, t_{i+1}]$, we obtain N'_* which intersects at (r-2) points and with $[N'_*] = [N']$. Then N'_* has the inductive property.

LEMMA 2. Let $N \subset M$ be a pair of oriented connected manifolds of codimension one. If there is γ in $H_1(M; \mathbb{Z})$ such that the intersection number $\gamma \cdot [N]$ is 1, then M - N is connected.

Proof. First, we show that there is a closed path $u: I \to M$, u(0) = u(1), such that u intersects with N at a single point. Let c be any closed path with $[c] = \gamma$. We may assume that c meets N transversely, and hence c meets N at finitely many points, $x_1 = c(t_1), \dots, x_r = c(t_r)$, $0 < t_1 < \dots < t_r < 1$. We shall construct by induction on r a closed path u as above. We may assume $r \ge 3$. There is i with $1 \le i \le r-1$ such that the intersection number of N and $c \mid [t_i, t_{i+1}]$ is zero. Since N is connected there is a path d from x_i to x_{i+1} in N. Let ε be a sufficiently small positive real number. Then, we can take a path d' from $c(t_i - \varepsilon)$ to $c(t_{i+1} + \varepsilon)$ along d so that d' does not intersect with N. $c([0, t_i - \varepsilon]) \cup (\text{image } d') \cup c([t_{i+1} + \varepsilon, 1])$ is an image of a path $c': I \to M$ which meets N at (r-2) points. Moreover, we have $[c'] \cdot [N] = \gamma \cdot [N] = 1$, where [c'] denotes the homology class of c'. Then c' has the inductive property, and therefore u is constructed.

For any two points p_0 and p_1 in M - N there is a path c from p_0 to p_1 . We may assume as above that c intersects N transversely, and hence c meets N at finite points, $y_1 = c(s_1), \dots, y_r = c(s_r), \ 0 < s_1 \dots < s_r$ < 1. We shall construct by induction on r a path v from p_0 to p_1 such that v does not intersect N. Let u be a closed path such that u intersects N at a single point $y_0 = u(t_0)$ for $t_0 \in (0, 1)$. There is a path dfrom y_1 to y_0 in N. Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be sufficiently small. Then, there is a path d_- in M - N from $c(s_1 - \varepsilon)$ to $u(t_0 - \delta)$ along d, where δ is a positive or negative real number with a sufficiently small absolute value. Similarly, there is d_+ from $c(s_1 + \varepsilon)$ to $u(t_0 + \delta)$. $c([0, s_1 - \varepsilon]) \cup (\text{image } d_-)$ $\cup u(I - (t_0 - \delta, t_0 + \delta)) \cup (\text{image } d_+) \cup c([s_1 + \varepsilon, 1])$ is an image of a path c' from p_0 to p_1 which intersects N at (r - 1) points. Then c' has the inductive property. This proves Lemma 2.

Let $H: H_1(M; \mathbb{Z}) \to \mathbb{Z}_{(1)} + \cdots + \mathbb{Z}_{(m)}$ be an epimorphism onto a free abelian group of rank m, $\mathbb{Z}_{(i)} \cong \mathbb{Z}$ $(i = 1, \dots, m)$. Let $p_i: \mathbb{Z}_{(1)} + \cdots + \mathbb{Z}_{(m)}$ $\to \mathbb{Z}_{(i)}$ be the projection onto the *i*-th factor. By Künneth's theorem the map $\kappa: H^1(M; \mathbb{Z}) \to \text{Hom}(H_1(M; \mathbb{Z}), \mathbb{Z})$ induced from slant operation is an isomorphism since $H_0(M; \mathbb{Z})$ is free abelian. Assume $\partial M = \phi$. Let $\delta: H^1(M; \mathbb{Z}) \to H_{n-1}(M; \mathbb{Z})$ be the Poincaré duality isomorphism, and let $\theta_i = \delta \kappa^{-1}(p_i H)$. For $\gamma \in H_1(M; \mathbb{Z})$,

$$egin{aligned} & \gamma \cdot heta_i = \gamma \, \cap \, \delta^{-1}(heta_i) \ &= \gamma \, \cap \, (\kappa^{-1}(p_iH)) \ &= p_i H(\gamma) \ , \end{aligned}$$

where \cap denotes cup product. Thus we have

(1) $\gamma \cdot \theta_i = p_i H(\gamma) \quad \text{for } \gamma \in H_1(M; \mathbb{Z}) .$

Now, we set the following result of Nakatsuka.

LEMMA 3 ([3]). Let M be a compact connected orientable manifold of dimension $n \ge 3$ and $\theta \in H_{n-1}(M; \mathbb{Z})$. Then, there is a connected orientable (n-1)-submanifold N in M such that $\theta = [N]$ if and only if there is a homology class $\gamma \in H_1(M; \mathbb{Z})$ such that the intersection number $\gamma \cdot \theta = 1$.

PROPOSITION 1. Let M be a connected orientable closed manifold of dimension $n \ge 3$, and let $H: H_1(M; \mathbb{Z}) \to \mathbb{Z}_{(1)} + \cdots + \mathbb{Z}_{(m)}$ be an epimorphism. Then, there are connected closed codimension one submanifolds N_1, \dots, N_m of M satisfying the followings.

- (i) N_1, \dots, N_m are in general position in M.
- (ii) $\gamma \cdot [N_i] = p_i H(\gamma)$ for any $\gamma \in H_1(M; \mathbb{Z}), i = 1, \dots, m$.
- (iii) $N_i N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_{i-1}$ is connected for $i = 2, \cdots, m$.
- (iv) $M N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_m$ is connected.

(v) $Hj_*(H_1(M - N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_i; \mathbb{Z})) = \mathbb{Z}_{(i+1)} + \cdots + \mathbb{Z}_{(m)}$ for i = 1, $\cdots, m - 1$, and = 0 for i = m. Here, j is the inclusion $M - N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_i \to M$.

Proof. Since $p_iH: H_1(M; \mathbb{Z}) \to \mathbb{Z}_{(i)}$ is an epimorphism, there is $\gamma_i \in H_1(M; \mathbb{Z})$ such that $H(\gamma_i)$ is the generator of $\mathbb{Z}_{(i)}$, $i = 1, \dots, m$. Then,

by Lemma 3, $\gamma_i \cdot \theta_i = p_i H(\gamma_i) = 1$ implies that there are connected orientable closed (n-1)-submanifolds N'_1, \dots, N'_m in M such that $[N'_i] = \theta_i$, $i = 1, \dots, m$. N'_1, \dots, N'_m may be assumed to be in general position.

We vary N'_i to N_i , $i = 1, \dots, m$, by induction on i so that N_1, \dots, N_i satisfy the following condition C(i). Denote $M_i = M - N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_i$. *C*(i)

- (i) N_1, \dots, N_i are in general position in M.
 - (ii) $[N_k] = \theta_k, \ k = 1, \cdots, i.$
 - (iii) $N_k N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_{k-1}$ is connected for $k = 2, \cdots, i$ if $i \ge 2$.
 - (iv) M_i is connected.
 - (v) $H \circ j_*(H_1(M_k; Z) = Z_{(k+1)} + \cdots + Z_{(m)} \text{ for } k = 1, \cdots, i.$

First, we construct N_1 as follows. Since $n \ge 3$, there are simple closed paths c_2, \dots, c_m such that $[c_2] = \gamma_2, \dots, [c_m] = \gamma_m$ and that they are mutually disjoint. By Lemma 1, there is a manifold N_1 such that $[N_1] = [N'_1]$ and that N_1 does not intersects c_2, \dots, c_m . By Lemma 2, the existence of γ_1 implies that $M - N_1$ is connected. Since c_2, \dots, c_m are contained in M_1 and $0 = \gamma \cdot [N_1] = p_1 H(\gamma)$ for $\gamma \in H_1(M_1; \mathbb{Z})$, it is not difficult to see that $Hj_*(H_1(M_1; \mathbb{Z})) = \mathbb{Z}_{(2)} + \cdots + \mathbb{Z}_{(m)}$. Then, N_1 satisfies the condition C(1).

Next, suppose that N_1, \dots, N_i are constructed so that the condition C(i) is satisfied. Now, we construct N_{i+1} so that N_1, \dots, N_i, N_{i+1} satisfy C(i + 1). By (v) of C(i) there is a simple closed path c_{i+1} in M_i realizing $\gamma_{i+1} \in H_1(M; \mathbb{Z})$, and hence the intersection number $c_{i+1} \cdot (N'_{i+1} - N_1)$ $\cup \cdots \cup N_i = c_{i+1} \cdot N'_{i+1} = [c_{i+1}] \cdot [N'_{i+1}] = \gamma_{i+1} \cdot \theta_{i+1}$ is 1. We can take c_{i+1} so that it intersects N'_{i+1} transversely. Then, by the method of the proof of Lemma 3 in [3], there is a closed manifold $N_{i+1}^{\prime\prime}$ such that (i) $N_{i+1}'' \cap M_i$, so N_{i+1}'' , is connected and (ii) $[N_{i+1}''] = [N_{i+1}']$ in $H_{n-1}(M; Z)$ and $[N'_{i+1} \cap M_i] = [N'_{i+1} \cap M_i]$ in $H_{n-1}(M_i; \mathbb{Z})$. Here, N''_{i+1} is obtained by attaching slender 1-handles to N'_{i+1} along simple arcs in M_i . Next, we vary $N_{i+1}^{\prime\prime}$ to construct N_{i+1} so that N_1, \dots, N_i and N_{i+1} satisfy the condition C(i + 1). By (v) of C(i), there are simple closed paths c_{i+2}, \dots, c_m in M_i realizing $\gamma_{i+2}, \dots, \gamma_m$, respectively. We may assume that they intersect $N_{i+1}^{\prime\prime}$ transversely and that they are mutually disjoint. Similarly as the construction of N_1 , we obtain N_{i+1} from N''_{i+1} by attaching slender 1-handles along simple arcs contained in c_{i+2}, \dots, c_m so that N_{i+1} does not intersects c_{i+2}, \dots, c_m , that $[N_{i+1}] = [N'_{i+1}]$, and that $H \circ j_*(H_1(M-N_1))$ $(\cup \cdots \cup N_i \cup N_{i+1}; Z)) = Z_{(i+2)} + \cdots + Z_{(m)}$. Since c_{i+1} is a path in M_i and $c_{i+1} \cdot (N_{i+1} \cap M_i) = c_{i+1} \cdot N_{i+1} = 1$, Lemma 2 implies that $M_{i+1} = M_i$

 $-N_{i+1}$ is connected. From the above, we can see that N_1, \dots, N_{i+1} satisfy the condition C(i+1). This proves Proposition 1.

§3. Proof of Theorem 1

Let \mathscr{F} be a codimension one foliation of class C^r of an orientable (n + 1)-manifold M, and suppose that an orientable *n*-manifold F_0 is a closed leaf of \mathscr{F} . Let $\nu: U \to F_0$ is an R-bundle of a bicollar U of F_0 , and let $\nu_+: U_+ \to F_0$ is an R_+ -bundle of a collar U_+ of F_0 , $R = (-\infty, \infty)$ and $R_+ = [0, \infty)$. F_0 is identified with the zero section of ν or ν_+ , and the fibres of ν and ν_+ are identified with R and R_+ respectively.

A curve $u: [0, 1] \to U$ is called a *leaf curve* from u(0) to u(1) if the image of u is contained in a leaf. Let $y \in \nu^{-1}u(0)$ and let $u_y: [0, 1] \to U$ be a leaf curve such that $u_y(0) = y$ and $\nu u_y(t) = u(t)$ for any $t \in [0, 1]$. We call u_y the *y*-lift of u. There exists at most one *y*-lift of u. If there is the *y*-lift of u for any y in $[y_1, y_2] \subset \mathbf{R} = \nu^{-1}u(0)$ the holonomy map h_u from $[y_1, y_2]$ into $\mathbf{R} = \nu^{-1}u(b)$ is defined by $h_u(y) = u_y(b)$.

Let $x_* \in F_0$ and u be a closed leaf curve with base point x_* . The germ of h_u at 0 is called the *holonomy* of u. The holonomy of u is determined by the homotopy class [u] of u in $\pi_1(F_0, x_*)$ and is independent of the choice of ν up to conjugations by origin preserving diffeomorphism of \mathbf{R} . Let G^r be the group of the germs at 0 of all orientation-preserving local C^r -diffeomorphisms of \mathbf{R} which leave the origin fixed. A homomorphism $h: \pi_1(F_0, x_*) \to G^r$ is defined by corresponding the holonomy of u to $[u] \in \pi_1(F_0, x_*)$. The image of the homomorphism h is called the *holonomy group* of F_0 and denoted by $\Phi(F_0)$. The one-sided holonomy group $\Phi_+(F_0)$ of F_0 is defined similarly by replacing ν and \mathbf{R} by ν_+ and \mathbf{R}_+ .

A proof of the following Lemma 4 is found in the proof of Lemma 2 in [4].

LEMMA 4. If $\Phi_+(F_0)$ is the trivial group there is a neighborhood U_0 of F_0 in U_+ such that the restricted foliation $\mathscr{F} \mid U_0$ is trivial; i.e. for each leaf F of $\mathscr{F} \mid U_0$, $\nu: F \to F_0$ is a diffeomorphism.

In this paper, we assume that $\Phi_+(F_0)$ is abelian, then $\Phi_+(F_0)$ is free abelian since G^r has no torsion element. Let $\iota: \Phi_+(F_0) \to Z_{(1)} + \cdots + Z_{(m)}$ be an isomorphism and let $\eta: \pi_1(F_0, x_*) \to H_1(F_0; Z)$ be the Hurewicz homomorphism. Then, there is an epimorphism $H: H_1(F_0; Z) \to Z_{(1)} + \cdots$

 $+ Z_{(m)}$ such that $H_{\eta} = \iota h$. Let p_i be the projection from $Z_{(1)} + \cdots + Z_{(m)}$ onto the *i*-th factor. Thus we have the following diagram.

Let N_1, \dots, N_m be codimension one smooth submanifolds in F_0 such that they are in the general position and that $F_0 - N_1 \cup \dots \cup N_m$ is connected. Denote by F_1 the compact manifold with boundary obtained by attaching two copies N'_1 and N''_1 of N_1 to $F_0 - N_1$, so that $\partial F_1 = N'_1$ $\cup N''_1$. Then, a local diffeomorphism $g_1: F_1 \to F_0$ is defined by $g_1(x) = x$ for $x \notin \partial F_1$ and $g_1(y') = g_1(y'') = y$ for $y \in N_1$, where $y' \in N'_1$ and $y'' \in N''_1$ are the copies of $y \in N_1$. $g_1^{-1}(N_i) \subset F_1$ is denoted also by N_i , $i = 2, \dots, m$. Inductively we define F_2, \dots, F_m and $g_i: F_i \to F_{i-1}$, $i = 2, \dots, m$, similarly as above. The boundaries of F_2, \dots, F_m have possibly corners. Let $g: F_m \to F_0$ be the composition $g_j \cdots g_1$. F_m is said to be the manifold which is obtained by cutting open F_0 along N_1, \dots, N_m . g is said to be the map pasting F_m on F_0 .

Proof of Theorem 1. If n = 1, this theorem is well known in the theory of dynamical system. If n > 2, let N_1, \dots, N_m be the manifolds obtained by Proposition 1 for the epimorphism $H: H_1(F_0; \mathbb{Z}) \to \mathbb{Z}_{(1)} + \cdots + \mathbb{Z}_{(m)} \cong \Phi_+(F_0)$ defined above. If n = 2, let p be the genus of F_0 . Then we can take simple closed curves N_1, \dots, N_{2p} in F_0 such that $N_i \cap N_j$ is at most one point for any different i, j and that $F_0 - N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_{2p}$ is an open 2-ball. We define N_1, \dots, N_ℓ in the theorem as above.

Since $F_0 - N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_\ell$ is a 2-ball for n = 2, $\Phi_+(F_0 - N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_\ell) = 0$ in $\mathscr{F} | \nu_+^{-1}(F_0 - N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_\ell)$. When n > 2, let c be a simple closed path in $F_0 - N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_m$. Let γ be the homotopy class of c in $\pi_1(F_0, x_*)$, $x_* \in F_0 - N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_m$, and $[N_i]$ be the homology class of N_i in $H_1(F_0; \mathbb{Z})$. Then, by Proposition 1,

$$p_i \iota h(\gamma) = p_i H_\eta(\gamma) ,$$

 $= p_i H([c]) , \quad [c] \in H_1(F_0; Z)$
 $= [c] \cdot [N_i] = 0$

since $c \cap N_i = \phi$, for $i = 1, \dots, m$. This implies $\Phi_+(F_0 - N_1 \cup \dots \cup N_\ell) = 0$, if n > 2. By using Lemma 4, we see that there is a injective

 C^r -diffeomorphism $\xi: (F_0 - N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_\ell) \times [0, \delta] \to U_+$ such that (i) ξ maps each $(F_0 - N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_\ell) \times \{t\}$ into a leaf of $\mathscr{F} | U_+$ and that (ii) $\nu_+\xi(x,t) = x$ for $x \in F_0 - N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_\ell$ and $t \in [0, \delta]$. Put $\xi((F_0 - N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_\ell) \times [0, \delta]) = \tilde{F}_* \subset \nu_+^{-1}(F_0 - N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_\ell)$. By identifying $\xi(x, t)$ with $(x, t), (x, t) \in (F_0 - N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_\ell) \times [0, \delta]$ is a coordinates of \tilde{F}_* . Putting $V' = \operatorname{cl} F_*, V'$ is a closed neighborhood of F_0 in U_+ . We are dealing with the holonomy maps and the holonomies for closed paths in F_0 with the fixed base point $x_* \in \operatorname{int} \tilde{F}_*$. From now on in this section a holonomy maps are considered as local diffeomorphisms of $[0, \delta]$ by identifying $[0, \delta]$ with $x_* \times [0, \delta]$, where $x_* \times [0, \delta]$ is the expression of the above coordinates.

The number of the connected components of $N_i - N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_{i-1}$ $\cup N_{i+1} \cup \cdots \cup N_i$ is only one if n = 2. For n > 3, let N_{ij} be one of these components. For any x in N_{ij} there is a closed path v_x in F_0 with base point x_* such that v_x intersects $N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_\ell$ at only one point x, since $F_0 - N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_\ell$ is connected. There is ε_x with $0 < \varepsilon_x$ $\leq \delta$ such that there is a leaf curve of $\mathscr{F}|V'$ which is the lift of v_x starting from $(x_*, \varepsilon_x) \in v_+^{-1}(x_*)$. So, the holonomy map f_x of v_x is defined on $[0, \varepsilon_x]$. Let \tilde{v}_x be a lift of v_x and let $\tilde{v}_x(0) = s'$, $v_x(1) = s''$ in $\{x_*\}$ $\times [0, s_x] \subset v_+^{-1}(x_*).$ Let $\tilde{v}_x(t_0) \in v_+^{-1}(x).$ For any t', t'' with $0 \leq t' < t_0 < t''$ ≤ 1 , we have $\tilde{v}_x(t') = (v_x(t'), s')$ and $\tilde{v}_x(t'') = (v_x(t''), s'')$ in the coordinates $\tilde{F}_* = (F_0 - N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_\ell) \times [0, \delta], \text{ since } \mathscr{F} | \tilde{F}_* \text{ is trivial.}$ Hence, we have $f_x(s') = s''$. Let N_{ij} have the orientation which is compatible with the inclusion $N_{ij} \subset N_i$ and the given orientation of N_i . For another point y in N_{ij} let v_y be a closed curve as above such that $[v_y] \cdot [N_{ij}]$ $= [v_x] \cdot [N_{ij}]$. From the triviality of $\mathscr{F} | \tilde{F}_*$ it is easy to see that the source of the holonomy map f_y of v_y is same as f_x and that $f_y = f_x$ on it, i.e. $f_y(s) = f_x(s)$ for any $s \in [0, \varepsilon_x]$. Therefore, there are ε_{ij} with $0 < \varepsilon_{ij} < \delta$ and an injective diffeomorphism $f_{ij}: [0, \varepsilon_{ij}] \rightarrow [0, \delta]$ satisfying the following property; for any x in N_{ij} and any closed path v_x in F_0 with base point x_* such that v_x intersects $N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_\ell$ at only one point x and that $[v_x] \cdot [N_i] = 1$, the holonomy map of v_x is defined on $[0, \varepsilon_{ij}]$ and is equal to f_{ij} . For two components N_{ij} and N_{ik} of $N_i - N_1$ $\cup \cdots \cup N_{i-1} \cup N_{i+1} \cup \cdots \cup N_{\ell}$ the holonomy maps f_{ij} and f_{ik} are coincide on a small neighborhood of 0, since $[v_x] \cdot [N_i] = [v_y] \cdot [N_i] = 1$ so the holonomies of v_x and v_y are coincide. Hence, there are ε_i with $0 < \varepsilon_i$ $< \delta$ and an injective diffeomorphism $f_i: [0, \varepsilon_i] \to [0, \delta]$ satisfying the same

property as above. Therefore, there are $0 < \varepsilon < \delta$ and injective diffeomorphisms f_1, \dots, f_{ℓ} for N_1, \dots, N_{ℓ} satisfying the following property; for any x in N_i and any closed path v_x in F_0 with base point x_* such that v_x intersects $N_1 \cup \dots \cup N_{\ell}$ at only one point x and that $[v_x] \cdot [N_i]$ = 1, the holonomy map of v_x is defined on $[0, \varepsilon]$ and is equal to f_i . Since $\Phi(F_0)$ is abelian, we may assume that f_1, \dots, f_{ℓ} are mutually commutative by choosing ε sufficiently small.

Since f_i and f_i^{-1} are monotonously increasing, $f_i(\varepsilon) > \varepsilon$ implies $\varepsilon > f_i^{-1}(\varepsilon)$. So, replacing f_i by f_i^{-1} (i.e. replacing the orientation of N_i) if necessary, we can suppose that $\varepsilon \geq f_i(\varepsilon)$ for all *i*. Notice that $N_i = \bigcup \operatorname{cl} N_{ij}$ and $g^{-1}(N_{ij}) = N'_{ij} \cup N''_{ij}$. Here, $g: F_* \to F_0$ is the diffeomorphism pasting F_* on F_0 , F_* is the manifold obtained by cutting open F_0 along N_1, \dots, N_ℓ , and N'_{ij}, N''_{ij} are diffeomorphic manifolds such that $g(N'_{ij})$ $= N_{ij} = g(N_{ij}')$. Then, $g^{-1}(N_i) = N_i' \cup N_i''$, where N_i' and N_i'' are diffeomorphic manifolds such that $N'_i = \bigcup_i \operatorname{cl} N'_{ij}$, $N''_i = \bigcup_i \operatorname{cl} N''_{ij}$ and $g(N'_i) = N_i$ $= g(N_i'')$. Since N_1, \dots, N_ℓ are in general position and f_1, \dots, f_ℓ are mutually commutative, it is not difficult to show that a quotient manifold X_f is well defined from $F_* \times [0, \varepsilon]$ by identifying $(x, s) \in N'_i \times [0, \varepsilon]$ and $(x, f_i(s)) \in N''_i \times [0, \varepsilon]$. Let \mathscr{F}_f be the foliation on X_f induced from the trivial foliation of $F_* imes [0,\varepsilon]$. Since int F_* is diffeomorphic to $F_0 - N_1$ $\cup \cdots \cup N_i$, we can see from the above facts that there is a C^r -diffeomorphism from a neighborhood V of F_0 in U_+ onto X_f mapping each leaf of $\mathscr{F} | V$ onto a leaf of \mathscr{F}_{f} .

By the constructions of f_1, \dots, f_ℓ , these maps satisfies the property (ii)-(c) in the theorem. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

§4. Proof of Theorem 2

LEMMA 5. Let f_1, \dots, f_{ℓ} be injective homeomorphisms from $[0, \varepsilon]$ into $[0, \varepsilon]$ such that $f_i(0) = 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, \ell$. Suppose

$$f_i f_j(t) = f_j f_i(t)$$
, $i, j = 1, \dots, \ell$.

Put

(1)
$$h_1(t) = f_{i_\alpha}^{\sigma_\alpha} \cdots f_{i_1}^{\sigma_1}(t) , \quad \sigma_a = \pm 1 ,$$

 $h_2(2)$ $h_2(t) = f_{j_b}^{\tau_b} \cdots f_{j_1}^{\tau_1}(t)$, $\tau_b = \pm 1$.

Then $h_1(t) = h_2(t)$ for any t such that $h_1(t)$ and $h_2(t)$ are defined if

(3) $\sum_{i_a=i} \sigma_{i_a} = \sum_{j_b=i} \tau_{j_b}$, $i = 1, \dots, \ell$, $a = 1, \dots, \alpha$, $b = 1, \dots, \beta$. Here, f_i^{-1} is considered to be defined on $[0, f_i(\varepsilon)]$.

Proof. By the assumption we have

$$f_i^{\sigma} f_j^{\tau}(t) = f_j^{\tau} f_i^{\sigma}(t) , \qquad \sigma, \tau = \pm 1 , i, j = 1, \cdots, \ell$$

for any t such that both sides of the expression are defined. We define a linear order < in the set $\{f_1, \dots, f_i, f_1^{-1}, \dots, f_i^{-1}\}$ as follows; for f_i , f_j and f_i^{-1}, f_j^{-1} , we define $f_i < f_j$ and $f_i^{-1} < f_j^{-1}$ respectively if i < j, and we define $f_i < f_j^{-1}$ for any f_i and f_j^{-1} . It is not difficult to see that <is a linear order.

Next, we show that if $f_i^{\sigma_i} f_j^{\sigma_j}(t)$ is defined and $f_i^{\sigma_i} < f_j^{\sigma_j}, f_j^{\sigma_j} f_i^{\sigma_i}(t)$ is also defined and $f_i^{\sigma_i} f_j^{\sigma_j}(t) = f_j^{\sigma_j} f_i^{\sigma_i}(t)$. This property is trivial for f_i and f_j . For f_i^{-1} and f_j^{-1} it is shown as follows. Suppose $f_i^{-1} < f_j^{-1}$. If $f_i^{-1} f_j^{-1}(t)$ is defined, $f_j^{-1}(t) \leq f_i(\varepsilon)$, so $t \leq f_j f_i(\varepsilon)$. Since $f_j f_i(\varepsilon) = f_i f_j(\varepsilon)$, $t \leq f_i f_j(\varepsilon)$. Hence, $f_i^{-1}(t) \leq f_j(\varepsilon)$, and so $f_j^{-1} f_i^{-1}(t)$ is defined. Then $f_i^{-1} f_j^{-1}(t) = f_j^{-1} f_i^{-1}(t)$. Finally, for f_i and f_j^{-1} it is shown as follows. Suppose $f_i < f_j^{-1}$. If $f_i f_j^{-1}(t)$ is defined, $t \leq f_j(\varepsilon)$, so $t_i(t) \leq f_i f_j(\varepsilon)$. Since $f_i f_j(\varepsilon) = f_j f_i(\varepsilon) \leq f_j(\varepsilon)$, $f_i(t) \leq f_j(\varepsilon)$. Then, $f_j^{-1} f_i(t)$ is defined, and so $f_i f_j^{-1}(t) = f_j^{-1} f_i(t)$.

If $f_j(t)$ or $f_j^{-1}(t)$ is defined, $f_j(f_i^{-1}f_i)(t)$ or $(f_i^{-1}f_i)f_j^{-1}(t)$ is defined and $f_j(t) = f_j(f_i^{-1}f_i)(t)$ or $f_j^{-1}(t) = (f_i^{-1}f_i)f_j^{-1}(t)$, respectively. Next, we interplate $f_i^{-1}f_i$ in the right hand of the expressions of (1) and (2) if necessary so that the same number of f_i and f_i^{-1} are contained in these expressions for each $i = 1, \dots, \ell$. Finally, we change the order in the rows of the terms in these expressions to the order induced from \leq . Then, the obtained expressions are identical. This proves $h_1(t) = h_2(t)$.

LEMMA 6. Let \mathscr{F} be a transversely orientable C^r -foliation of codimension one, $r \geq 1$, and let F_0 be a compact leaf of \mathscr{F} . Let ν be a normal \mathbf{R}_+ -bundle map from a collar U_+ onto F_0 such that ν is transverse to \mathscr{F} , and let $F \in \mathscr{F}$ be asymptotic to F_0 in U_+ . Then, the following properties are satisfied.

(i) For a neighborhood V of F_0 in U_+ , let F_V be an asymptotic leaf of $\mathscr{F} | V$ to F_0 such that $F_V \cap F \neq \phi$. Then, an unique regular covering $\tilde{\nu} \colon \tilde{F} \to F_0$ is associated with F_V and $\nu_*(\pi_1(F_V)) = \tilde{\nu}_*(\pi_1(\tilde{F}))$ in $\pi_1(F_0)$ if and only if the following condition (*) is satisfied.

(*) For a point x_* in F_0 and any closed path u in F_0 with the bases

points x_* let y and z be any two points in $\nu^{-1}(x_*) \cap F_{\nu}$ such that $h_u(y)$ and $h_u(z)$ are defined, where h_u is the holonomy map of u. Then, $h_u(y) = y$ if and only if $h_u(z) = z$.

(ii) Suppose F and V satisfies (*). Then, for any neighborhood V' of F_0 in V, the same regular covering as $\tilde{\nu}$ is associated with $F_{V'}$.

Proof. Let $\tilde{\nu}: \tilde{F} \to F_0$ be a regular covering and let u be a closed curve in F_0 with base point x_* . For y and z in $\tilde{\nu}^{-1}(x_*)$ let u_y and u_z be the lifts of u starting from y and z respectively. Then, u_y is a closed curve if and only if u_z is so. Therefore, if there is an associated regular covering with F_V , condition (*) is satisfied.

Next, we prove the converse. Define a subgroup $G(F_V)$ of $\pi_1(F_0, x_*)$ by

 $G(F_{\nu}) = \{ \alpha \in \pi_1(F_0, x_*) | \text{ there is a closed curve } \overline{u} \text{ in } F_{\nu} \\ \text{ such that } [\nu \overline{u}] = \alpha \} \text{,}$

where [] denotes the homotopy class. We must show that $G(F_{\nu})$ is a subgroup of $\pi_1(F_0, x_*)$. For α and β in $G(F_{\nu})$ there are closed curves \overline{u} and \overline{v} in F_{ν} such that $[\nu \overline{u}] = \alpha$ and $[\nu \overline{v}] = \beta^{-1}$. Let $y, z \in \nu^{-1}(x_*)$ be the base point of $\overline{u}, \overline{v}$. Assume $x_* < y < z$ in the line $\nu^{-1}(x_*)$. Put $\nu \overline{u} = u$ and $\nu \overline{v} = v$. By the existence of $\overline{v}, h_v(y)$ is defined. Condition (*) implies $h_v(y) = y$. So, there is the lift \tilde{v} of v starting from y. \tilde{v} is a closed curve in F_{ν} . Then, $\overline{u}\tilde{v}$ is a closed curve in F_{ν} such that $[\nu(\overline{u}\tilde{v})]$ $= \alpha \beta^{-1}$. Therefore, $\alpha \beta^{-1} \in G(F_{\nu})$.

To the conjugacy class of a subgroup of $\pi_1(F_0, x_*)$ an unique covering of F_0 exists. Let $\tilde{\nu} \colon \tilde{F} \to F_0$ be the covering corresponding to the conjugacy class including $G(F_V)$. Then, for $\tilde{y} \in \tilde{\nu}^{-1}(x_*)$, $\tilde{\nu}_*(\pi_1(F, y))$ is a subgroup of $\pi_1(F_0, x_*)$ which is conjugate to $G(F_V)$.

Next, we define the map $i: F_V \to \tilde{F}$. Fix two points $y_* \in F_V$ and $\tilde{y}_* \in \tilde{F}$ so that $\nu(y_*) = \tilde{\nu}(\tilde{y}_*) = x_*$ and that $\tilde{\nu}_*(\pi_1(\tilde{F}, \tilde{y}_*)) = G(F_V)$. For any point y in F_V there is a curve $u: [0, 1] \to F_V$ such that $u(0) = y_*$ and u(1) = y. Let \tilde{u} be the lift of νu starting from \tilde{y}_* for the covering $\tilde{\nu}$. We define $i(y) \in \tilde{F}$ by $i(y) = \tilde{u}(1)$. i(y) is well defined, i.e. for another curve v in F_V from y_* to y, $\tilde{v}(1) = \tilde{u}(1)$. In fact, since $[\nu(uv^{-1})] \in G(F_V)$ and $G(F_V) = \tilde{\nu}_*(\pi_1(\tilde{F}, \tilde{y}_*))$, the lift of $\nu(uv^{-1})$ starting from $\tilde{y}_* \in \tilde{F}$ is a closed curve. Hence, $\tilde{u}^{-1}\tilde{v}$ is a closed curve with the base point $\tilde{u}(1)$. This implies $\tilde{v}(1) = \tilde{u}(1)$. By the definition of i, $\tilde{\nu} \circ i = \nu$ is obvious.

If $\nu(y) \neq \nu(y')$, clearly $i(y) \neq i(y')$. Next, we show that $i(y) \neq i(y')$

when $\nu(y) = \nu(y')$ and $y \neq y'$. Let u' and v' be the curves in F_v from y_* to y and y' respectively. Put $\nu u' = u$ and $\nu v' = v$. We can assume that y < y' in $\nu^{-1}(y)$. Since $h_{v^{-1}}(y') = y_*$, $h_{v^{-1}}(y)$ is defined and $h_{v^{-1}}(y) < y_*$ in $\nu^{-1}(x_*)$. Since $h_{uv^{-1}}(y_*) = h_{v^{-1}}(y) < y_*$, $[uv^{-1}] \notin G(F_v)$. So that, the lift of uv^{-1} starting from \tilde{y}_* in \tilde{F} is never a closed curve. Hence, $i(y) = \tilde{u}(1) \neq \tilde{v}(1) = i(y')$. Therefore, i is an injection.

It is obvious that i maps any plaque of $F_v C^r$ -diffeomorphically into \tilde{F} .

To show $\tilde{\nu}$ is a regular covering we are sufficient to show that $G(F_{\nu})$ is a normal subgroup of $\pi_1(F_0, x_*)$. Let u and v be closed curves in F_0 with the base point x_* . Assume $[u] \in G(F_{\nu})$. Since F_{ν} is asymptotic to F_0 there is y in $\nu^{-1}(x_*) \cap F_{\nu}$ such that $h_{vuv-1}(y)$ is defined. Since $[u] \in G(F_{\nu})$, $h_u h_v(y) = h_v(y)$. So that, $h_{vuv-1}(y) = h_{\nu-1}h_u h_v(y) = y$. Hence, $[vuv^{-1}] \in G(F_{\nu})$. This implies that $G(F_{\nu})$ is a normal subgroup. Therefore, (i) is proved.

To prove (ii) it is sufficient, if $G(F_V) = G(F_{V'})$ is shown. But, this is obvious since F_V is asymptotic to F_0 .

Proof of Theorem 2. By Theorem 1 we obtain $N_1, \dots, N_\ell \subset F_0, V$, and the functions f_1, \dots, f_ℓ . Let $x_* \in F_0 - N_1 \cup \dots \cup N_\ell$. For an asymptotic leaf F of $\mathscr{F} | V$ to F_0 , let F_V be an asymptotic leaf of $\mathscr{F} | V$ to F_0 such that $F_V \subset F$.

First, we show that, if u, v are closed paths in F_0 with base point x_* in a same homology class of $H_1(F_0; \mathbb{Z})$, $h_u(y) = h_v(y)$ for any $y \in \nu^{-1}(x_*)$ $\cap V$ such that $h_u(y), h_v(y)$ are defined. Let \tilde{u}, \tilde{v} be the leaf curves of $\mathscr{F} | V$ which are lifts of u, v starting from y. We may assume that \tilde{u}, \tilde{v} intersect $\nu^{-1}(N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_\ell)$ transversely. So, since $F_0 - N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_\ell$ is connected, \tilde{u} and \tilde{v} are homotopic to $\tilde{u}_1 \cdots \tilde{u}_a$ and $\tilde{v}_1 \cdots \tilde{v}_\beta$ by homotopies such that the homotopies preserve the end points of the paths and that each homotopy level is a leaf curve of $\mathscr{F} | V$, where $\tilde{u}_1 \cdots \tilde{u}_a$ and $\tilde{v}_1 \cdots \tilde{v}_\beta$ are the paths which are the compositions of the paths \tilde{u}_a, \tilde{v}_b with end points in $\nu^{-1}(x_*)$ such that putting $\nu \tilde{u}_a = u_a$ and $\nu \tilde{v}_b = v_b$, u_a and v_b are closed paths in F_0 each of which intersect $N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_\ell$ at one point. Here, the composition of paths is defined by

$$uv(x) = \begin{cases} u(2t) & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ v(2t-1) & \text{for } \frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

Define N_{i_a} and N_{j_b} by $u_a \cap (N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_b) = u_a \cap N_{i_a}$ and $v_b \cap (N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_b) = u_b \cap N_{i_a}$

 $\cup \cdots \cup N_{\ell} = v_b \cap N_{j_b}$. Let the intersection numbers be $[u_a] \cdot [N_{i_a}] = \sigma_a$ and $[v_b] \cdot [n_{j_b}] = \tau_b$, where $\sigma_a, \tau_b = \pm 1$. Here, N_1, \cdots, N_{ℓ} are imposed the orientations such that if a closed path u intersects $N_1 \cup \cdots \cup N_{\ell}$ at only one point in N_i with the intersection number $[u] \cdot [N_i] = \sigma$, as in the proof of Theorem 1, then the holonomy map h_u of u is coincide with f_i^{σ} . Thus, we have

$$h_u(y) = h_{u_1 \cdots h_a}(y) = h_{u_a} \cdots h_{u_1}(y)$$
$$= f_{i_a}^{\sigma_a} \cdots f_{i_1}^{\sigma_1}(y) .$$

Similarly,

$$h_v(y) = f_{j_\beta}^{\tau_\beta} \cdots f_{j_1}^{\tau_1}(y) \; .$$

Since u and v are in the same homology class, Lemma 5 implies $h_u(y) = h_v(y)$.

If we can show that V and F_{v} satisfy the condition (*) in Lemma 6, the proof of Theorem 2 is completed by Lemma 6. (*) is shown as follows. Let y, z be two points in $\nu^{-1}(x_*) \cap F_{v}$ such that $h_u(y)$ and $h_u(z)$ are defined, where u is a closed path in F_0 with end points x_* . We can assume $y \ge h_u(y)$; if $y < h_u(y)$, consider the curve u^{-1} with the inverse direction of u. Here, < is considered in the coordinates $\nu^{-1}(x_*) \cap V = x_* \times [0, \epsilon]$. Let y > z. Since h_u is a homomorphism, $h_u(y) > h_u(z)$. There is a path \tilde{w} in F_v from y to z. Put $w = \nu \tilde{w}$. Since $h_u(y)$ is defined. $h_u(y) \le y$ implies $z = h_w(y) \ge h_w h_u(y)$. Notice that $y = h_u(y)$ if and only if $z = h_w h_u(y)$. We have $h_{w^{-1}uw}(z) = h_w h_u h_{w^{-1}v}(z) = h_w h_u(y)$. Since $w^{-1}uw$ and u are in the same homology class, $h_{w^{-1}uv}(z) = h_u(z)$ by the fact that we proved above. Thus, $h_u(z) = h_w h_u(y)$. Since $z = h_w(y)$, we have $y = h_u(y)$ if and only if $z = h_u(z)$. This proves Theorem 2.

§ 5. Proof of Theorem 3

Let $\nu_+: U'_+ \to F_0$ be a collar. Since $\{\log h'_{a_1}, \dots, \log h'_{a_m}\}$ is rationally independent, there is a closed curve u in F_0 such that $h'_u \neq 1$. We can assume that $0 < h'_u < 1$. Let x be the base point of u. There is an interval [t, z) in $\nu_+^{-1}(x)$ and a positive number r < 1 such that for any yin $[x, z) h_u(y)$ is defined and that $h'_u(y) < r$. Hence, $\lim_{i \to \infty} (h_u)^i(y) = x$ for any y in [x, z). Therefore, by taking a sufficiently small collar U_+ , any leaf meeting U_+ is asymptotic to F_0 . We can U_- similarly.

By the assumption of $\pi_1(F_0)$, the one sided holonomy group $\Phi_{\sigma}(F_0)$ is abelian for $\sigma = +$ or -. Let V be any neighborhood of F_0 in U_{σ} . Then, for any leaf F meeting U_{σ} a regular covering $\tilde{\nu}: \tilde{F} \to F_0$ is associated with F_V , by Theorem 2.

Since holonomy has no torsion element, $G(F) = \nu_* \pi_1(F_V) = \tilde{\nu}_* \pi_1(\tilde{F})$ $\supset G. \quad \nu_*$ and $\tilde{\nu}_*$ are injections. Suppose that there is a leaf F such that, for the associated covering $\tilde{\nu}: \tilde{F} \to F_0$ with F_V , $G(F) \neq G$. Then, there is a closed curve \tilde{u} in \tilde{F} with base point in $\tilde{\nu}^{-1}(x)$ such that the homotopy class $\alpha = [\tilde{\nu}\tilde{u}]$ is not contained in G. By the definition of \tilde{F} , there is a closed curve u in F_V starting from a point y in $\nu_{\sigma}^{-1}(x)$ such that $[\nu_{\sigma}u] = \alpha$. Then, for any y' in the interval [x, y] in $\nu_{\sigma}^{-1}(x)$, the holonomy map $h_{\alpha}(y')$ is defined. As above, there is a sequence of points $y_0 = y, y_1, y_2, \cdots$ in $[x, y] \cap F_V$ such that $\lim_{i \to \infty} y_i = x$. By condition (*) of Lemma 6, $h_{\alpha}(y_i) = y_i$ for each y_i . Since $\pi_1(F_0, x) = Z_{(1)} + \cdots + Z_{(m)} + G$, and $\nu_*\pi_1(F_V) \supset G$, we can put

$$\alpha = a_1\alpha_1 + a_2\alpha_2 + \cdots + a_m\alpha_m$$

for the integers a_1, \dots, a_m with $(a_1, \dots, a_m) \neq (0, \dots, 0)$. Let u_1, \dots, u_m be the closed curves with base point x realizing the homotopy classes $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m$ respectively. Then, the multiple $v = u_1^{a_1} \cdots u_m^{a_m}$ realizes α , so that, $[v] = [\nu_s u]$. Let v_t be a homotopy from u to v, $t \in [0, 1]$. Since $h_{v_t}(y')$ is defined for arbitrary $y' \in [x, y]$ which is sufficiently close to x, we have $h_u(y') = h_v(y')$. Hence, for such y'

$$h_{\alpha}(y') = (h_{\alpha_m})^{a_m} \cdots (h_{\alpha_1})^{\alpha_1}(y') .$$

Since $\lim y_i = x$ and $h_{\alpha}(y_i) = y_i$, we have $h'_{\alpha} = 1$. Hence,

$$(h'_{a_m})^{a_m} \cdots (h'_{a_1})^{a_1} = 1$$
.

Therefore,

 $a_1 \log h'_{a_1} + \cdots + a_m \log h'_{a_m} = 0$

with $(a_1, \dots, a_m) \neq (0, \dots, 0)$. But, this contradicts to the assumption of the theorem. This proves Theorem 3.

§6. Proof of Theorem 4

The proof of (i) and (ii) of Theorem 4 is contained in the proof of Theorem 3.

Next we prove (iii). Since f is a local diffeomorphism of class C^2 with f(0) = 0 and f'(0) > 1, by a theorem of Sterenberg [5], there is a C^1 -diffeomorphism g from a neighborhood of 0 of R into R such that $f'(0) \cdot t = gfg^{-1}(t)$ for any t in the image of g. Hence, by a C¹-alternation of the coordinate of $\nu^{-1}(x) \cap U$, we may assume that f(t) = dt, where d = f'(0) < 1. Hereafter we use the new coordinate of $\nu^{-1}(x) \cap U$ translated by g. Let f_1, \dots, f_ℓ be local diffeomorphisms of **R** generating $\Phi(F_0)$. Since $\Phi(F_0)$ is abelian, we may assume $f_i f = f f_i$ for i = 1, ..., m by choosing U sufficiently small. Hence, $f'_i(f(t)) \cdot f'(t) = f'(f_i(t))$ $f'_{i}(t)$, and so $f'_{i}(f(t)) = f'_{i}(t)$, for f'(t) = d. Then, $f'_{i}(t) = f'_{i}(0)$, since lim $f^n(t) = 0$ and f_i is of class C^1 . Therefore, $f_i(t) = d_i \cdot t$, where d_i $= f'_i(0)$. To show (iii), it is sufficient if G(F) = G(F') is shown for any asymptotic leaves F and F' to F_0 . Let α be a closed curve realizing an element of G(F) and let h_{α} be the holonomy map defined by $\alpha \in \pi_1(F_0, x)$. Then, h_{α} can be written as $h_{\alpha} = f_1^{k_1} \cdots f_{\ell}^{k_\ell}$. By the definition of G(F), there is a closed curve β in $F \cap U$ with the end point t in $\nu^{-1}(x)$ such that $\alpha = \nu \circ \beta$. Hence, $t = h_{\alpha}(t) = f_1^{k_1} \cdots f_{\ell}^{k_\ell}(t) = d_1^{k_1} \cdots d_{\ell}^{k_\ell} \circ t$. Thus, $h_{\alpha} = id$. since $d_1^{k_1} \cdots d_{\ell}^{k_{\ell}} = 1$. Therefore, a lift of α to F' is a closed curve, and so the holonomy class of α is contained in G(F'). This implies G(F)= G(F').This completes the proof of Theorem 3.

Remark 1. For $\tilde{f} \in \Phi(F_0)$ let $\tilde{f}' \in \mathbf{R}$ be the derivative of \tilde{f} at 0. Denoting $D\Phi(F_0) = \{\tilde{f}' \mid \tilde{f} \in \Phi(F_0)\}$, $D\Phi(F_0)$ is a multiplicative subgroup of $\mathbf{R} - \{0\}$. Let $D: \Phi(F_0) \to D\Phi(F_0)$ be the homomorphism defined by the derivation. Then, for any asymptotic leaf F to F_0 , we see that $G(F) \subset \ker Dh$, where h is the homomorphism $\pi_1(F_0, x_*) \to \Phi(F_0)$ defined in § 3.

Remark 2. If \mathscr{F} is of class C^2 , then, by the method used in the proof of Theorem 4, we see that the sequence

$$1 \longrightarrow G(F) \stackrel{\subset}{\longrightarrow} \pi_1(F_0) \stackrel{h}{\longrightarrow} \varPhi(F_0) \longrightarrow 1$$

is exact for any asymptotic leaf F to F_0 .

§7. Proof of Theorem 5

Assuming that $\pi_1(F) = Z_{(1)} + \cdots + Z_{(m)} + G$ for a finite group G, let N_1, \cdots, N_m be the manifolds of F obtained by Proposition 1 for the isomorphism $H: H_1(F:Z) \to Z_{(1)} + \cdots + Z_{(m)}$. Here, we may assume

that dim $F \ge 2$, because if dim F = 2, F is a torus. By observing the proof of Theorem 1, the same conclusion of Theorem 1 is satisfied for these N_1, \dots, N_m . Then, if \mathscr{F} is a foliation of class C^r , there are injective C^r -diffeomorphisms $f_i^+: [0, \epsilon] \to [0, \epsilon]$ for $i = 1, \dots, m$ with the properties (a) and (b) of Theorem 1. By the proof of Theorem 1, f_i can be identified with an one sided holonomy map $h_{\alpha_i}^+$ of a generator α_i of $Z_{(i)}$.

We divide the stage into Case 1 and Case 2. (i) of Theorem 5 is divided into the both cases and (ii) is contained in Case 1.

Case 1: The case that \mathscr{F} is of class C^r , $r \geq 2$, and that there is *i* such that $(f_i^+)'(0) \neq 1$. Let f_j be a (both sided) holonomy map of α_j . Then $f'_{i}(0) = (f^{+}_{j})'(0)$. By Sternberg's theorem, f_{1}, \dots, f_{m} are C^{r-1} -conjugate to linear functions by a same conjugation map g in a small neighborhood of 0. (See the proof of Theorem 4.) Then, $gf_ig^{-1}(t)$ $= f'_{i}(0) \cdot t$ if |t| is sufficiently small. Let U_{-} be a collar of F such that U_{-} is in the another side of U_{+} . Using Theorem 1 we get $f_{i}^{-}: [-\epsilon', 0]$ \rightarrow [$-\epsilon', 0$] for $i = 1, \dots, m$. f_i^- is the other sided holonomy map of a generator α'_i of $Z_{(i)}$. $|f_i(t)| \leq |t|$ for sufficiently small |t| if and only if $|f'_{i}(0)| \leq 1$ since $\bar{f}_{i} = gf_{i}g^{-1}$ is linear and $\bar{f}_{i}(t) = f'_{i}(0) \cdot t, \ i = 1, \dots, m.$ Hence, by taking ε' small, $\alpha'_i = \alpha_i$, i.e. f_i^+ and f_i^- are the one sided holonomies of the same generator α_i of $Z_{(i)}$. Therefore, there are injective linear maps $\bar{f}_i: [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon] \to [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon], i = 1, \dots, m$ with the following properties: Let N'_i, N''_i , and F_* be the manifolds defined in Theorem 1. Denote by $X_{\overline{j}}$ the quotient manifold obtained from $F_* \times [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$ by identifying $(x, t) \in N'_i \times [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$ and $(x, \overline{f}_i(t)) \in N''_i \times [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$ for all $i = 1, \dots, m$ and $t \in [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$. The product foliation of $F_* \times [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$ induces a foliation \mathscr{F}_7 on X_7 . Then, there is a neighborhood V of F such that there is a leaf preserving C^{r-1} -diffeomorphism φ from V onto $X_{\bar{j}}$ which maps F onto $F_* \times 0/\sim$.

By Theorem 4, for any leaf F' meeting V an unique regular covering \tilde{F} is associated with F'_V . Since \bar{f}_i is linear, by Theorem 3, $\nu_*\pi_1(F'_V) = \tilde{\nu}_*\pi_1(\tilde{F}) \cong \pi_1(\tilde{F}) \cong G$ if and only if $\log \bar{f}'_1, \dots, \log \bar{f}'_m$ are rationally independent. By an arbitrarily small perturbations of $\bar{f}_1, \dots, \bar{f}_m$, we can take linear maps $\bar{g}_1, \dots, \bar{g}_m : [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon] \to [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$ such that $\log \bar{g}'_1, \dots, \log \bar{g}'_m$ are rationally independent or dependent when $\log \bar{f}'_1, \dots, \log \bar{f}'_m$ are rationally dependent or independent, respectively.

Let U be an open neighborhood of F contained in V. Let N be a

neighborhood of $\mathscr{F} | U$ in $\operatorname{Fol}_{\mathbb{F}^{-1}}^{r-1}(U)$. $\varphi(U)$ is a neighborhood of $F_* \times 0/\sim$ in $X_{\overline{j}}$. Since $\overline{g}_1, \dots, \overline{g}_m$ are close to $\overline{f}_1, \dots, \overline{f}_m$ we may assume that $\varphi(U) \subset X_{\overline{g}} \subset X_{\overline{j}}$ and that $\mathscr{F}_{\overline{g}} | \varphi(U)$ is close to $\mathscr{F}_{\overline{j}} | \varphi(U)$. $\mathscr{F}_{\overline{g}} | \varphi(U)$ induce a foliation \mathscr{F}' of U. By taking $\overline{g}_1, \dots, \overline{g}_m$ sufficiently close to $\overline{f}_1, \dots, \overline{f}_m$ we can $\mathscr{F}' \in N$.

Case 2. The case that \mathscr{F} is of class C^1 and that $(f_i^+)'(0) = 1$ for all $i = 1, \dots, m$. f_i^+ is the one sided holonomy map of α_i defined on $[0, \epsilon]$. First, assume that there is no neighborhood U of F such that F | U is a product foliation. For small $\delta > 0$ we define a C^1 -diffeomorphism $g_i^+: [0, \varepsilon + \delta] \to \mathbb{R}_+$ by

$$g_i^{\scriptscriptstyle +}(t) = egin{cases} t & ext{ for } 0 \leq t < \delta \ f_i^{\scriptscriptstyle +}(t-\delta) + \delta & ext{ for } t > \delta \ . \end{cases}$$

Since $(f_i^+)'(0) = 1$, g_i^+ is of class C^1 . It is easy to see that g_1^+, \dots, g_m^+ are mutually commutative since f_1^+, \dots, f_m^+ are so. $g_i^+ | [0, \varepsilon]$ is a C^1 perturbation of f_i^+ . Let \mathscr{F}_f and X_f be the ones defined in Theorem 1 from f_i^+ and $F_* \times [0, \varepsilon]$. Define \mathscr{F}_g and X_g similarly from g_i^+ and $F_* \times [0, \varepsilon + \delta]$. We can consider that $X_f \subset X_g$ and that $\mathscr{F}_g | X_f$ is C^1 close to \mathscr{F}_f is δ is small enough. There is a neighborhood V_+ of F in U_+ and a C^1 -diffeomorphism $\varphi \colon V_+ \to X_f$ mapping $\mathscr{F} | V_+$ to \mathscr{F}_f . Let \mathscr{F}'_+ be the foliation induced by φ^{-1} from $\mathscr{F}_g | X_f$. \mathscr{F}'_+ is C^1 -close to $\mathscr{F} | V_+$ if δ is small enough. We get \mathscr{F}'_- on V_- similarly. On small neighborhoods of F, \mathscr{F}'_+ and \mathscr{F}'_- are product foliations. Let $U = V_+ \cup V_-$. Then, we get \mathscr{F}' on U by $\mathscr{F}' | V_g = \mathscr{F}'_g, \sigma = \pm$. We can take \mathscr{F}' in any neighborhood N of $\mathscr{F} | U$ in $\operatorname{Fol}^r_F(U)$. By the assumption \mathscr{F}' is not locally equivalent to $\mathscr{F} | U$.

Next, we assume that there is a neighborhood V of F such that $\mathscr{F} | V$ is a product foliation. Then, V is leaf preservingly diffeomorphic to $F \times [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$. Consider that $V = F \times [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$ and $F = F \times 0$. Let $U = F \times (-\varepsilon/2, \varepsilon/2)$. Let α_i be a generator of $Z_{(i)}$. Then, the holonomy map $f_i: [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon] \to [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$ of α_i is the identity map. Let g_i be the perturbation of f_i such that $g_i = f_i$ for i > 1 and that $|g_1(t)| < |t|$ and $|g_1(\pm \varepsilon)| > \varepsilon/2$. Let \mathscr{F}_g and X_g be as above defined from g_i and $F_* \times [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$. Then, we can consider that $U \subset X_g \subset V$ and that $\mathscr{F}_g | U$ is close to $\mathscr{F} | U$ if g_1 is close enough to f_1 . Any leaf of \mathscr{F}_g is asymptotic to F, but any leaf of $\mathscr{F} | V$ is not asymptotic. Hence, $\mathscr{F}_g | U$ is not locally equivalent to $\mathscr{F} | V$. This completes the proof of Theorem 5.

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