

# On the cohomology of one dimensional foliated manifolds

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**Abstract.** We show that the cohomology group  $H^1(M, \mathcal{F})$  is an infinite dimensional vector space, for a dense set of one dimensional foliations on a closed manifold. In particular we compute this cohomology, for some foliations on the torus  $T^2$ .

## 1. Introduction

In this paper we study the cohomology of a closed foliated manifold  $(M, \mathcal{F})$  for a foliation given by the orbits of a  $C^\infty$  flow without fixed points. Our main result is the following

**Theorem 2.1.** *If there exist infinitely many distinct leaf closures of  $\mathcal{F}$ , then  $H^1(M, \mathcal{F})$  is an infinite dimensional vector space.*

A statement of denseness and openness for foliations satisfying this sufficient condition is given in section 3. The result above adds the following information on the torus  $T^2$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** *If  $\mathcal{F}$  is not a minimal foliation on  $T^2$ , then  $\dim H^1(M, \mathcal{F}) = \infty$ .*

Notice that for a linear foliation  $\mathcal{L}$ , on the torus  $T^n$  the cohomology of  $(T^n, \mathcal{L})$  was completely calculated [1],[3],[4], and [8]. Thus, it remains to compute the cohomology group  $H^1(M, \mathcal{F})$ , for foliations  $C^r$  conjugate to linear ones,  $0 \leq r \leq 1$ . Theorem 4.3 gives a partial answer to this question.

**Theorem 4.3.** *The following are equivalent on the torus  $T^2$*

- $\dim H^1(M, \mathcal{F}) = 1$ ;
- $\mathcal{F}$  is  $C^\infty$  conjugate to a diophantine linear foliation.

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## 1. Preliminaries

The cohomology of a foliated manifold  $(M, \mathcal{F})$ , introduced by Reinhart [7], will be denoted by  $H^*(M, \mathcal{F})$ . It is also called foliated cohomology, or cohomology of type  $(0, q)$ . Details may be found in [4]. Throughout this paper  $M$  denotes a closed manifold, and  $\mathcal{F}$  a foliation given by the orbits of  $\phi_t$ , the  $C^\infty$  flow without fixed points generated by the vector field  $X$ . For a one dimensional foliation, the complex of the  $(0, q)$ -forms reduces to

$$0 \rightarrow \Lambda^0(M, \mathcal{F}) \xrightarrow{d_{\mathcal{F}}} \Lambda^1(M, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow 0.$$

Given a Riemannian metric  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  on  $M$ , and a fixed 1-form  $\theta = \langle X, \cdot \rangle$ , then the complex of the  $(0, q)$ -forms can be described as

$$\Lambda^0(M, \mathcal{F}) = C^\infty(M), \quad \Lambda^1(M, \mathcal{F}) = \{g\theta; g \in C^\infty(M)\},$$

and  $d_{\mathcal{F}}(f) = X(f)\theta$ . Here,  $C^\infty(M)$  consists of all  $C^\infty$  real functions on  $M$ , and  $X(f)$  denotes the  $X$ -directional derivative of  $f$ . Then the cohomology group  $H^*(M, \mathcal{F}) = H^0(M, \mathcal{F}) \oplus H^1(M, \mathcal{F})$  is given by

$$H^0(M, \mathcal{F}) = \{f \in C^\infty(M); X(f) = 0\},$$

and

$$(1) \quad H^1(M, \mathcal{F}) = \frac{C^\infty(M)}{\text{Im}\{X: C^\infty(M) \rightarrow C^\infty(M)\}}.$$

This means that if the foliation does not have non-constant first integral then  $H^0(M, \mathcal{F}) = \mathbb{R}$ ; otherwise  $H^0(M, \mathcal{F})$  is an infinite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

## 2. The main theorem

In order to determine the dimension of  $H^1(M, \mathcal{F})$ , by (1) we must try to solve the partial differential equation  $X(g) = f$ , for a given function  $f \in C^\infty(M)$ . Of course, if there exists a solution it can be given on each  $\phi_t$ -orbit because fixed a point  $p \in M$ , we have

$$(2) \quad g(\phi_t(p)) = g(p) + \int_0^t f(\phi_s(p)) ds$$

where the initial condition is  $g(p)$ . We will make use of (2) to prove our main result.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a foliation on a closed manifold  $M$  given by the orbits of a  $C^\infty$  flow,  $\phi_t$ , without fixed points. If there exist infinitely many distinct leaf closures of  $\mathcal{F}$ , then  $H^1(M, \mathcal{F})$  is an infinite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

**Proof.** By (1), to prove that  $\dim H^1(M, \mathcal{F}) = \infty$  it suffices to show that given  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , there is a linearly independent set  $\{[f_i]\}_{i=1}^{n_0}$  in  $H^1(M, \mathcal{F})$ . Here,  $[f]$  denotes the cohomology class of a  $C^\infty$  function  $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . To systematize the proof let us divide it in three cases.

**Case I.** *If there exist an infinite number of minimal sets of the flow, then the Theorem holds.*

**Proof of Case I.** Denote by  $\mu_p$  a minimal set containing a point  $p \in M$ . Let  $\{\mu_{p_i}\}_{i=1}^{n_0}$  be a collection of distinct minimal sets of the flow. Recall that two distinct minimal sets are disjoint.

Given  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ . Take the minimal sets  $\mu_{p_1}, \dots, \mu_{p_{n_0}}$ . Since they are compact and disjoint, we can choose open disjoint neighbourhoods, say  $V_1, \dots, V_{n_0}$ , satisfying  $\mu_{p_i} \in V_i$ . By standard methods, we construct a  $C^\infty$  function  $f_i: M \rightarrow [0, 1]$  with compact support contained in  $V_i$  such that  $f_i^{-1}(1) = \mu_{p_i}$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n_0$ . Let us show that  $\{[f_i]\}_{i=1}^{n_0}$  is a linearly independent set in  $H^1(M, \mathcal{F})$ . Suppose that there is a zero linear combination with real coefficients

$$(3) \quad \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} r_j [f_j] = 0.$$

By (1), there exists a  $C^\infty$  function  $g: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$(4) \quad X(g) = \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} r_j f_j.$$

Take the point  $p_{i_0} \in \mu_{p_{i_0}}$ . By (2) and (4), we have

$$(5) \quad g(\phi_t(p_{i_0})) = g(p_{i_0}) + \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} r_j \int_0^t f_j(\phi_s(p_{i_0})) ds.$$

Since each minimal set  $\mu_{p_i}$  is  $\phi$ -invariant, the supports of  $\{f_i\}_{i=1}^{n_0}$  are disjoint,



$f_i(\mu_{p_j}) = 0$  if  $i \neq j$  and  $f_i(\mu_{p_i}) = 1$ , it follows that (5) reduces to

$$g(\phi_t(p_{i_0})) = g(p_{i_0}) + r_{i_0} \int_0^t f_{i_0}(\phi_s(p_{i_0})) ds.$$

If  $r_{i_0} \neq 0$ , this gives a continuous unbounded function on  $M$  which is impossible. Therefore  $r_{i_0} = 0$ , and we have shown that  $\{[f_i]\}_{i=1}^{n_0}$  is a linearly independent set in  $H^1(M, \mathcal{F})$ . Then the theorem holds. This completes the proof of the case I.

We observe that each compact invariant set of the flow  $\phi_t$  contains a minimal set. Since the manifold  $M$  is compact then there is at least one minimal set. In the remaining cases we will need the following lemma. Notice that  $\alpha(p)$  (resp.  $\omega(p)$ ) denotes the  $\alpha$ -limit set (resp.  $\omega$ -limit set) of a point  $p \in M$  under the flow  $\phi_t$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** *Suppose that there are only finitely many minimal sets of the flow  $\phi_t$ . Then given an infinite set  $S = \{p_0, p_1, \dots, p_n, \dots\} \subset M$  there exists an infinite subset  $S' = \{p_{i_0}, p_{i_1}, \dots, p_{i_n}, \dots\} \subset S$  such that*

$$A_1 = \bigcap_{j=0}^{\infty} \alpha(p_{i_j}) \neq \{ \} \text{ and } A_2 = \bigcap_{j=0}^{\infty} \omega(p_{i_j}) \neq \{ \}.$$

**Proof of the Lemma.** Let  $\{\mu_k\}_{k=1}^{m_0}$  be the collection of all minimal sets of the flow  $\phi_t$ . Define a finite index set by

$$\mathcal{I} = \{(i_1, \dots, i_p); 1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_p \leq m_0 \text{ and } 1 \leq p \leq m_0\}$$

For  $I = (i_1, \dots, i_p) \in \mathcal{I}$ , let  $\mu_I = \mu_{i_1} \cup \dots \cup \mu_{i_p}$ .

Now, given an infinite set  $S = \{p_0, \dots, p_n, \dots\}$ , for  $I, J \in \mathcal{I}$  let  $S_{IJ}$  consist of all points  $p_k \in S$  such that the union of the minimal sets contained in the  $\alpha$ -limit set  $\alpha(p_k)$  is  $\mu_I$  and the union of the minimal sets contained in the  $\omega$ -limit set  $\omega(p_k)$  is  $\mu_J$ . One may show that  $\{S_{IJ}\}_{I, J \in \mathcal{I}}$  is a finite partition of  $S$ . Since  $S$  is an infinite set then there are indexes, say  $I_0, J_0$ , such that  $S_{I_0 J_0} = \{p_{i_0}, \dots, p_{i_n}, \dots\}$  is an infinite set. So, by construction we have  $\bigcap_{j=0}^{\infty} \alpha(p_{i_j}) \supseteq \mu_{I_0}$  and  $\bigcap_{j=0}^{\infty} \omega(p_{i_j}) \supseteq \mu_{J_0}$ . This completes the proof of the Lemma.

Let us return to the proof of the theorem. From now on we suppose that there are infinitely many distinct orbit closures of  $\phi_t$ , but that there are only finitely many minimal sets. Let  $T = \{\bar{\sigma}(p_i)\}_{i=0}^{\infty}$ , a countable family of distinct

orbit closures. By Lemma 2.2, we may assume that  $\bigcap_{j=0}^{\infty} \alpha(p_j) \neq \{ \}$  and  $\bigcap_{j=0}^{\infty} \omega(p_j) \neq \{ \}$ .

Now, inclusion defines an ordering on  $T$ , so there are two possibilities: a) there exists a totally ordered infinite subset  $T' \subset T$ ; b) any totally ordered subset  $T' \subset T$  is finite.

**Case II.** *If there exists a totally ordered infinite subset  $T' \subset T$ , then the theorem holds.*

**Proof of Case II.** Given  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ . Take  $n_0 + 1$  leaf closures in  $T'$ , say  $\bar{\sigma}(p_{i_0}), \bar{\sigma}(p_{i_1}), \dots, \bar{\sigma}(p_{i_{n_0}})$ . We may assume, without loss of generality, that  $i_j = j$ , and that  $\bar{\sigma}(p_0) \subset \bar{\sigma}(p_1) \subset \dots \subset \bar{\sigma}(p_{n_0})$ . We choose open flow boxes  $B_0, B_1, \dots, B_{n_0}$ , such that  $p_i \in B_i$  and  $B_i \cap B_j = \{ \}$  for  $0 \leq i < j \leq n_0$ . By assumption, since  $\bar{\sigma}(p_i) = \bar{\sigma}(p_{i+1})$ , we can choose the flow boxes small enough to ensure that if  $B_i \cap \bar{\sigma}(p_j) \neq \{ \}$  then  $i \leq j$ . (Figure 1).

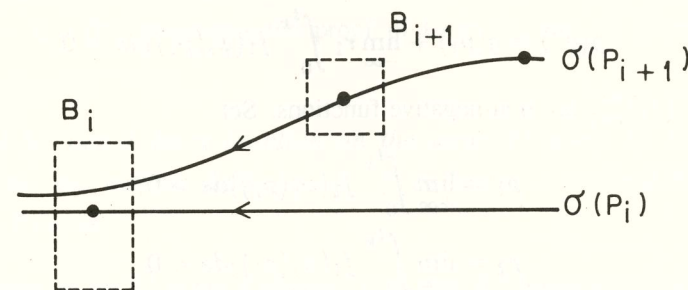


Fig. 1

Now we construct a  $C^\infty$  function  $f_i: M \rightarrow [0, 1]$  with compact support contained on  $B_i$  and  $f_i^{-1}(1) = p_i$ , for  $i \neq 0, i = 1, \dots, n_0$ . Let us show that  $\{[f_i]\}_{i=1}^{n_0}$  is a linearly independent set in  $H^1(M, \mathcal{F})$ . Suppose that there is a function  $g: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfying (4). Observe that the leaf closure  $\bar{\sigma}(p_0)$  does not meet the support of any  $f_i$ . Then  $g(\bar{\sigma}(p_0))$  is constant because  $X(g)_p = 0$ , for  $p \in \bar{\sigma}(p_0)$ . Assume that  $g(\bar{\sigma}(p_0)) = 0$ . Take the point  $p_1$ . By (2) and (4), we have

$$(6) \quad g(\phi_t(p_1)) = g(p_1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n_0} r_i \int_0^t f_i(\phi_s(p_1)) ds.$$



By construction, the  $p_1$ -orbit does not meet the flow boxes  $B_2, \dots, B_{n_0}$ . Hence it does not meet the supports of  $f_2, \dots, f_{n_0}$ . Therefore (6) reduces to

$$(7) \quad g(\phi_t(p_1)) = g(p_1) + r_1 \int_0^t f_1(\phi_s(p_1)) ds.$$

Recall that the intersection

$$A_1 = \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} \alpha(p_j) \quad \text{and} \quad A_2 = \bigcap_{j=1}^{\infty} \omega(p_j)$$

are non-empty sets. Since  $g(\bar{\sigma}(p_0)) = 0$  then  $g(A_k) = 0$ , for  $k = 1, 2$ . From this fact we will show that  $r_1 = 0$ . Take  $q' \in A_1$  and  $q'' \in A_2$ . By definition of limit sets we have

$$q' = \lim_{t_k \rightarrow +\infty} \phi_{t_k}(p_1)$$

$$q'' = \lim_{t_k \rightarrow -\infty} \phi_{t_k}(p_1)$$

Recall that  $g$  is continuous. From (7), it follows that

$$g(q') = g(p_1) + \lim_{+\infty} r_1 \int_0^{t_k} f_1(\phi_s(p_1)) ds = 0;$$

$$g(q'') = g(p_1) + \lim_{-\infty} r_1 \int_0^{t_k} f_1(\phi_s(p_1)) ds = 0.$$

Note that  $\{f_i\}_{i=1}^{n_0}$  are non-negative functions. Set

$$\rho_1 = \lim_{+\infty} \int_0^{t_k} f_1(\phi_s(p_1)) ds > 0;$$

$$\rho_2 = \lim_{-\infty} \int_0^{t_k} f_1(\phi_s(p_1)) ds < 0.$$

If  $\rho_1 = \infty$  or  $\rho_2 = -\infty$  (the  $p_1$  orbit might pass through the support of  $f_1$  infinitely many times), then  $r_1$  must be zero because  $g$  is a bounded function; otherwise we have

$$g(q') = g(p_1) + r_1 \rho_1 = 0;$$

$$g(q'') = g(p_1) + r_1 \rho_2 = 0.$$

Then  $r_1(\rho_2 - \rho_1) = 0$ , thus  $r_1 = 0$ . Now repeating the process above we show that  $r_i = 0$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n_0$ . So, we have shown that  $\{[f_i]\}_{i=1}^{n_0}$  is a linearly independent set in  $H^1(M, \mathcal{F})$ . From this the theorem follows and the proof of Case II is complete.

**Case III.** If every totally ordered subset  $T' \subset T$  is finite, then the theorem holds.

**Proof of Case III.** Since  $T = \{\bar{\sigma}(p_i)\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  is an infinite set, and any totally ordered subset is finite, we can choose  $T' \subset T$  with infinitely many elements such that if two distinct orbit closures,  $\bar{\sigma}(p_i), \bar{\sigma}(p_j)$ , belong to  $T'$  then neither of them contains the other. We may assume without loss of generality that  $T' = T$ .

Given  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , take  $n_0 + 1$  distinct elements in  $T, \bar{\sigma}(p_0), \bar{\sigma}(p_1), \dots, \bar{\sigma}(p_{n_0})$ . Since  $\sigma(p_i) \cap \bar{\sigma}(p_j) = \{\}$  for  $i \neq j$  (otherwise  $\bar{\sigma}(p_i) \subset \bar{\sigma}(p_j)$  which is a contradiction) one can find disjoint flow boxes,  $B_0, B_1, \dots, B_{n_0}$ , such that  $p_i \in B_i$  and  $B_i \cap \bar{\sigma}(p_j) = \{\}$  for  $i \neq j, i, j = 0, \dots, n_0$ . Now take  $C^\infty$  functions  $f_i: M \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that  $f_i^{-1}(1) = p_i$  and  $\text{supp } f_i \subset B_i$ , for  $i \neq 0, 1 \leq i \leq n_0$ . As before it may be proved that  $\{[f_i]\}_{i=1}^{n_0}$  is a linearly independent set in  $H^1(M, \mathcal{F})$ . Suppose that the function  $g: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies (4), and  $g(p_0) = 0$ . We use the facts that  $g(\sigma(p_0)) = 0$ , that the intersections  $A_1 = \bigcap \alpha(p_j)$  and  $A_2 = \bigcap \omega(p_j)$  are non-empty sets, and that

$$g(\phi_t(p)) = g(p) + \sum_{j=1}^{n_0} r_j \int_0^t f_j(\phi_s(p)) ds.$$

By an argument similar to that used in the Case II, one can conclude that  $r_1 = \dots = r_{n_0} = 0$ . This completes the proof of Case III, and the proof of the theorem.

**Corollary 2.3.** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a foliation on the torus  $\mathbb{T}^2$  given by the orbits of a  $C^\infty$  flow,  $\phi_t$ , without fixed points. If  $\phi_t$  is not a minimal flow then  $\dim H^1(\mathbb{T}^2, \mathcal{F}) = \infty$ .

**Proof.** If a flow  $\phi_t$  on  $\mathbb{T}^2$  is not a minimal flow then the foliation has an annular surface,  $A$ , foliated by lines asymptotic to the boundary [2]. Therefore we can choose infinitely many leaves inside  $A$  whose closures are distinct sets. By 2.1, the Corollary follows.

### 3. Denseness and openness

Denote by  $NSX(M)$  the set consisting of all  $C^\infty$  non-singular vector fields on  $M$  endowed with the usual  $C^1$  uniform topology for vector fields. Let  $U$  consist of those vector fields whose flows have infinitely many distinct leaf closures. Denote by  $\mathring{U}$  the interior of  $U$ .

**Proposition 3.1.**  $\mathring{U}$  is dense in  $NSX(M)$ .



**Proof.** Let  $X \in NSX(M)$ . By the Closing Lemma [6], we may find a vector field  $Y \in NSX(M)$   $C^1$  close to  $X$  whose flow has a closed orbit. By ([5], lemma 2.5 pg. 103), there exists a vector field  $Z \in NSX(M)$   $C^1$  close to  $Y$  whose flow,  $\phi_t$ , has a hyperbolic closed orbit, say  $\gamma$ . We may assume that the weak stable manifold of  $\gamma$ ,  $W^s(\gamma)$ , is non-empty; otherwise  $\gamma$  is a source orbit, and we take the weak unstable manifold of  $\gamma$ . We know that  $W^s(\gamma)$  is a  $\phi_t$ -invariant immersed manifold on  $M$  whose dimension  $k$  is bigger than one. It is clear that distinct orbits on  $W^s(\gamma)$  have distinct closures. Let's show that  $Z \in \mathring{U}$ . By [5], each vector field  $Z' \in NSX(M)$   $C^1$  close to  $Z$  must have a hyperbolic closed orbit  $\gamma'$  near  $\gamma$  and the weak stable manifold  $W^s(\gamma')$  has the same dimension as  $W^s(\gamma)$ . We conclude that  $Z' \in U$ . Then  $\mathring{U}$  is dense in  $NSX(M)$ . The proof of the Proposition is complete.

#### 4. Applications

**Remark 4.1.** By straightforward application of the method used in the proof of 2.1, one can prove a slight generalization of that theorem, namely: *If there exist  $n$  distinct orbit closures, then  $\dim H^1(M, \mathcal{F}) \geq n$ .*

Therefore we conclude that if  $\dim H^1(M, \mathcal{F}) = k < \infty$  then there are at most  $k$  distinct orbit closures. However we do not know of any example for  $2 \leq k < \infty$ .

**Proposition 4.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a one dimensional foliation on  $M$  given by the orbits of a smooth flow,  $\phi_t$ , without fixed points. If  $\dim H^1(M, \mathcal{F}) = 1$  then  $\phi_t$  is a minimal uniquely ergodic flow.*

**Proof.** Assume that  $\dim H^1(M, \mathcal{F}) = 1$ . By remark 4.1 it follows that  $\phi_t$  is a minimal flow.

Let us show that  $\phi_t$  is uniquely ergodic, i.e., there is a unique probability measure,  $\mu$ , on the Borel field of  $M$  satisfying  $\mu(A) = \mu(\phi_t(A))$  for every Borel set  $A$  in  $M$ , and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Indeed, by (1), a function  $f: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  represents the zero element in the cohomology group  $H^1(M, \mathcal{F})$  if and only if there exists a function  $g: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $X(g) = f$ . Hence, given a  $\phi_t$ -invariant probability measure  $\mu$ , we have

$$\int_M (g \circ \phi_t - g) d\mu = 0.$$

Since  $M$  is compact and  $X$  is  $C^2$  then  $\frac{g \circ \phi_t - g}{t}$  converges uniformly to  $X(g)$ . Thus

$$(8) \quad \int_M X(g) d\mu = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \int_M \frac{g \circ \phi_t - g}{t} d\mu = 0.$$

This means that the image of  $X: C^\infty(M) \rightarrow C^\infty(M)$  is contained in the kernel of  $\mu: C^\infty(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Since there exists at least one  $\phi_t$ -invariant probability measure  $\mu_0$ , the kernel of any measure is a codimension one vector space of  $C^\infty(M)$ ,  $\mu_0(X(f)) = 0$ , and

$$\dim \frac{C^\infty(M)}{X(C^\infty(M))} = 1,$$

from which the proposition follows.

Let  $\pi: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^n = \mathbb{R}^n/\mathbb{Z}^n$  be the canonical projection. A symbol with a bar over it denotes an object on the torus and one without a bar its lift.

**Theorem 4.3.** *Let  $\bar{\mathcal{F}}$  be a one-dimensional foliation on the torus  $\mathbb{T}^2$  given by the orbits of a smooth flow  $\bar{\phi}_t$  without fixed points. The following are equivalent*

$$a) \dim H^1(\mathbb{T}^2, \bar{\mathcal{F}}) = 1;$$

$$b) \bar{\mathcal{F}} \text{ is } C^\infty \text{ conjugate to a diophantine linear foliation.}$$

**Proof.** (a  $\Rightarrow$  b) Assume that  $\dim H^1(M, \mathcal{F}) = 1$ . Notice that a diffeomorphism of foliated manifolds  $F: (M, \mathcal{F}) \rightarrow (M', \mathcal{F}')$  induces an isomorphism

$$F^*: H^*(M', \mathcal{F}') \rightarrow H^*(M, \mathcal{F}).$$

By proposition 4.2,  $\bar{\phi}_t$  is a minimal flow. It is well known that in this case, up to a diffeomorphism, the foliation  $\bar{\mathcal{F}}$  is transverse to a canonical circle bundle. Here we may assume that the lifting is transversal to the  $y$ -axis and that the infinitesimal generator of  $\phi_t$  is the vector field

$$X = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + a \frac{\partial}{\partial y},$$

where  $a: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ -periodic  $C^\infty$  function. From  $\dim H^1(\mathbb{T}^2, \bar{\mathcal{F}}) = 1$  and (1), there exist  $\bar{g} \in C^\infty(\mathbb{T}^2)$  and  $\alpha_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\bar{X}(\bar{g}) = \alpha_0 - \bar{a}$ , or equivalently  $X(g) = \alpha_0 - a$ . Let us show that the map  $\bar{G}: \mathbb{T}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^2$  defined by its lifting  $G(x, y) = (x, y + g(x, y))$  is a diffeomorphism. We only need to show that the



derivative  $D\bar{G}_p: \mathbb{T}_p^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}_p^2$  is  $1 - 1$  for every  $p \in \mathbb{T}^2$  because  $\bar{G}$  is homotopic to the identity. Let  $JG$  be the Jacobian matrix of  $G$ , namely

$$JG = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ g_x & 1 + g_y \end{pmatrix}.$$

Here,  $f_x$  and  $f_y$  denote the partial derivatives  $\partial f / \partial x$  and  $\partial f / \partial y$ , respectively.

For a contradiction, suppose that the Jacobian vanishes at  $(x_0, y_0)$ . This means that  $1 + g_y(x_0, y_0) = 0$ . Recall that  $X(g) = \alpha_0 - a$ . Then from  $X(g)_y = (\alpha_0 - a)_y$ , we obtain  $X(1 + g_y) = -a_y(1 + g_y)$ . The last equation can be solved

$$1 + g_y(\phi_t(x, y)) = (1 + g_y(x, y)) \exp\left\{-\int_0^t a_y(\phi_s(x, y)) ds\right\}.$$

Hence we conclude that  $1 + g_y(\phi_t(x_0, y_0)) = 0$  for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  because  $1 + g_y(x_0, y_0) = 0$ . Let  $p_0 = \pi(x_0, y_0) \in \mathbb{T}^2$ . Now, the minimality of  $\bar{\phi}_t$  and  $1 + \bar{g}_y(\bar{\phi}_t(p_0)) = 0$  imply that  $\bar{g}_y(\mathbb{T}^2) = -1$ . However,  $\bar{g}_y$  must vanish at an extreme point of  $\bar{g}$ . This contradiction shows that the map  $DG: \mathbb{T}_p^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}_p^2$  is  $1 - 1$  for every  $p \in \mathbb{T}^2$ .

Let  $\mathcal{F}_{\alpha_0}$  be the foliation given by the linear vector field

$$L_{\alpha_0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \alpha_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial y}.$$

One sees that  $\bar{G}_*(\bar{\mathcal{F}}) = \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{\alpha_0}$  because  $G_*(X) = L_{\alpha_0}$ . From the remark at the beginning of this proof, we know that  $\dim H^1(\mathbb{T}^2, \bar{\mathcal{F}}_{\alpha_0}) = 1$ . By [3], [8], it follows that  $\alpha_0$  must be a diophantine number. The proof of a)  $\Rightarrow$  b) is complete. The proof of b)  $\Rightarrow$  a) is immediate.

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