

Hyperbolic nonwandering sets  
without dense periodic points  
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Let  $f:M \rightarrow M$  be a  $C^\infty$  diffeomorphism of a closed  $C^\infty$  manifold  $M$ , and let  $\Omega(f)$  be the nonwandering set of  $f$ .  $\Omega(f)$  is hyperbolic if  $\Omega(f)$  is compact and the restriction  $T_{\Omega(f)}^M$  of the tangent bundle  $TM$  of  $M$  on  $\Omega(f)$  splits into the Whitney sum of  $Tf$ -invariant subbundles

$$T_{\Omega(f)}^M = E^s \oplus E^u,$$

such that given a Riemannian metric on  $TM$  there are positive numbers  $c$  and  $\lambda < 1$  such that  $|Tf^n v| < c\lambda^n |v|$ , for  $v \in E^s$  and  $n > 0$ , and  $|Tf^{-n} v| < c\lambda^n |v|$ , for  $v \in E^u$  and  $n > 0$ . The following problem was suggested in [3].

Problem. If a nonwandering set  $\Omega(f)$  is hyperbolic, are the periodic points dense in  $\Omega(f)$ ?

Newhouse and Palis proved that the answer is affirmative when  $M$  is a two dimensional closed manifold ([1], [2]).

In this paper we give the following.

Theorem. Suppose  $\dim M \geq 4$ . Then there is a diffeomorphism  $F:M \rightarrow M$  such that the nonwandering set  $\Omega(F)$  is hyperbolic but its periodic points are not dense in  $\Omega(F)$ .

Construction.

To simplify the construction, we assume  $\dim M = 4$ .

1. Denote  $D = [-2, 6] \times [-1, 3] \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ . Let an embedding  $f:D \rightarrow D$  satisfy the followings (figure 1). Suppose that real numbers  $a_{-1}, \dots, a_6$  satisfy

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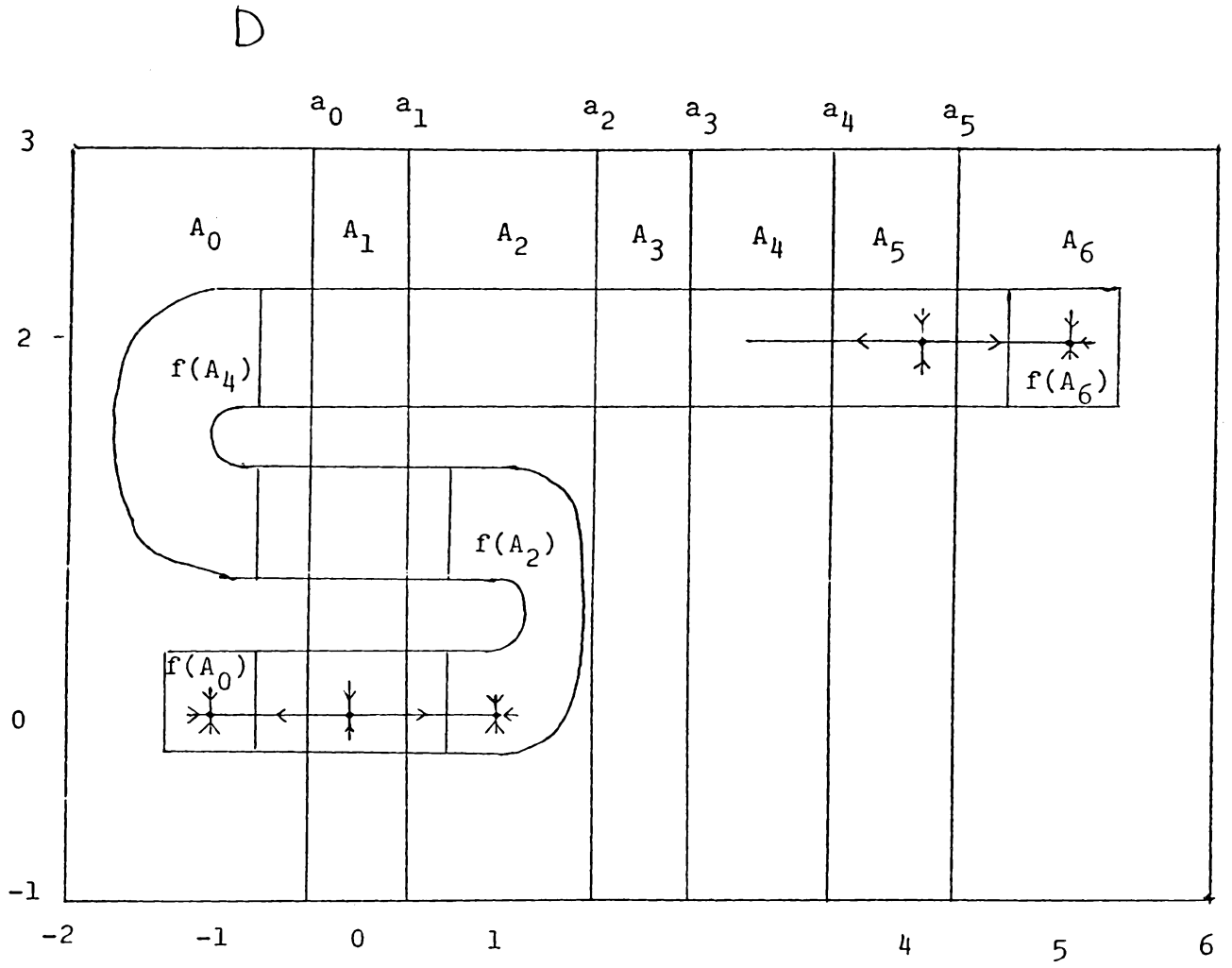


figure 1

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{1.1} \quad a_{-1} = -2 < -1 < a_0 = -a_1 < 0 < a_1 < 1 < a_2 < a_3 \\ < a_4 < 4 < a_5 < 5 < a_6 = 6, \end{aligned}$$

and the rectangle  $A_i$  ( $i = 0, \dots, 6$ ) is given by

$$A_i = \{ (x,y) \in D \mid a_{i-1} \leq x \leq a_i \}.$$

Then  $f$  satisfies 1.2  $\sim$  1.5.

1.2  $f|_{A_0}$ ,  $f|_{A_2}$  and  $f|_{A_6}$  are contractions with three sinks  $(-1,0)$ ,  $(1,0)$  and  $(5,2)$ ,

$$\underline{1.3} \quad f(A_4) \subset \text{int}A_0,$$

1.4  $f|_{A_i} : A_i \rightarrow f(A_i)$  ( $i = 1, 3, 5$ ) maps  $A_i$  linearly onto a rectangle  $f(A_i)$ , expanding horizontally and contracting vertically. There are two hyperbolic fixed points,  $(0,0)$  and  $(4,2)$ .

1.5 There are numbers  $\alpha > 1$  and  $0 < \beta < 1$  such that

$$f(x,y) = \begin{cases} (\alpha x, \beta y) & \text{for } (x,y) \in A_1 \\ (\alpha(x-4)+4, \beta(y-2)+2) & \text{for } (x,y) \in A_5. \end{cases}$$

2. Let  $D' \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  satisfy the followings (figure 2).

$D'$  is a neighbourhood of  $(\{0\} \times [-1, 1]) \cup ([-2, 0] \times \{0\})$  which is diffeomorphic to a 2-dimensional disk, and there is a sufficiently small positive number  $\epsilon$  such that

$$\{(x,y) \in D' \mid |y+1| \leq \epsilon\} = [-\epsilon, \epsilon] \times [-1-\epsilon, -1+\epsilon]$$

and

$$\{(x,y) \in D' \mid |x+1| \leq \epsilon\} = [-1-\epsilon, -1+\epsilon] \times [-\epsilon, \epsilon].$$

Let an embedding  $g: D' \rightarrow D'$  satisfy 2.1  $\sim$  2.9.

$$\underline{2.1} \quad g(D') \subset \text{int}D',$$

2.2  $g$  is isotopic to the identity,

$$\underline{2.3} \quad \bigcap_{n>0} g^n(D') = (\{0\} \times [-1, 1]) \cup ([-2, 0] \times \{0\}),$$

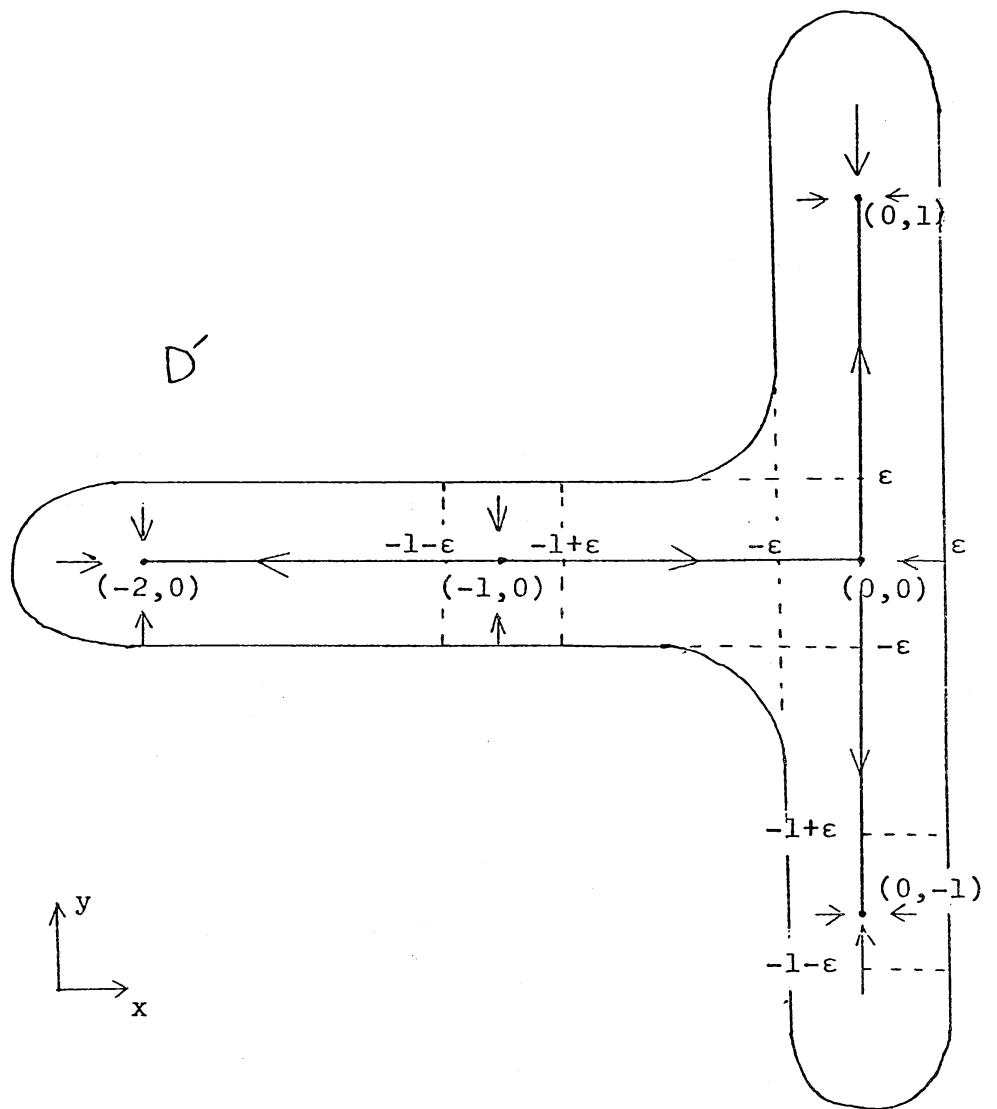


figure 2

2.4 There are five fixed points: three sinks  $(-2,0)$ ,  $(0,1)$ ,  $(0,-1)$ , and two saddle points  $(0,0)$ ,  $(-1,0)$ .

$$\underline{2.5} \quad W^u((0,0)) = \{0\} \times (-1,1),$$

$$\underline{2.6} \quad W^u((-1,0)) = (-2,0) \times \{0\},$$

$$\underline{2.7} \quad W^s((0,0)) \cap D' = \{(x,0) \in D' \mid x \geq -1\},$$

where  $W^s(p)$  (resp.  $W^u(p)$ ) is the stable (resp. unstable) manifold through  $p$ .  $(-1,1)$  and  $(-2,0)$  denote open intervals.

$$\underline{2.8} \quad g(x,y) = \left( \frac{1}{2}x, \frac{1}{2}(y+1)-1 \right) \quad \text{if } |y+1| \leq \epsilon,$$

$$\underline{2.9} \quad g(x,y) = \left( 2(x+1)-1, \frac{1}{2}y \right) \quad \text{if } |x+1| \leq \epsilon.$$

3. Define

$$N = D \times D' \cup_{\psi} D^3(\delta) \times [0, 1],$$

where

$$D^3(\delta) = \{(y_1, y_2, y_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \sqrt{y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2} \leq \delta\}$$

and

$$0 < \delta < \frac{1}{4}\epsilon.$$

The attaching map

$$\psi : D^3(\delta) \times ([0, \epsilon] \cup [1-\epsilon, 1]) \longrightarrow D \times D'$$

is given by

$$\psi(y_1, y_2, y_3, t) = \begin{cases} (y_1, y_2, t, y_3-1) & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq \epsilon \\ (y_1+4, y_2+2, y_3-1, 1-t) & \text{if } 1-\epsilon \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

(figure 3).

In  $4 \sim 10$ , we will construct an embedding  $F: N \longrightarrow N$ .

After this,  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$  (resp.  $(y_1, y_2, y_3, t)$ ) denotes a point of  $D \times D' \subset N$  (resp.  $D^3(\delta) \times [0, 1] \subset N$ ).

4. For  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in D \times D'$  with  $|x_3+1| \geq \epsilon$  and  $|x_4+1| \geq \epsilon$ , define

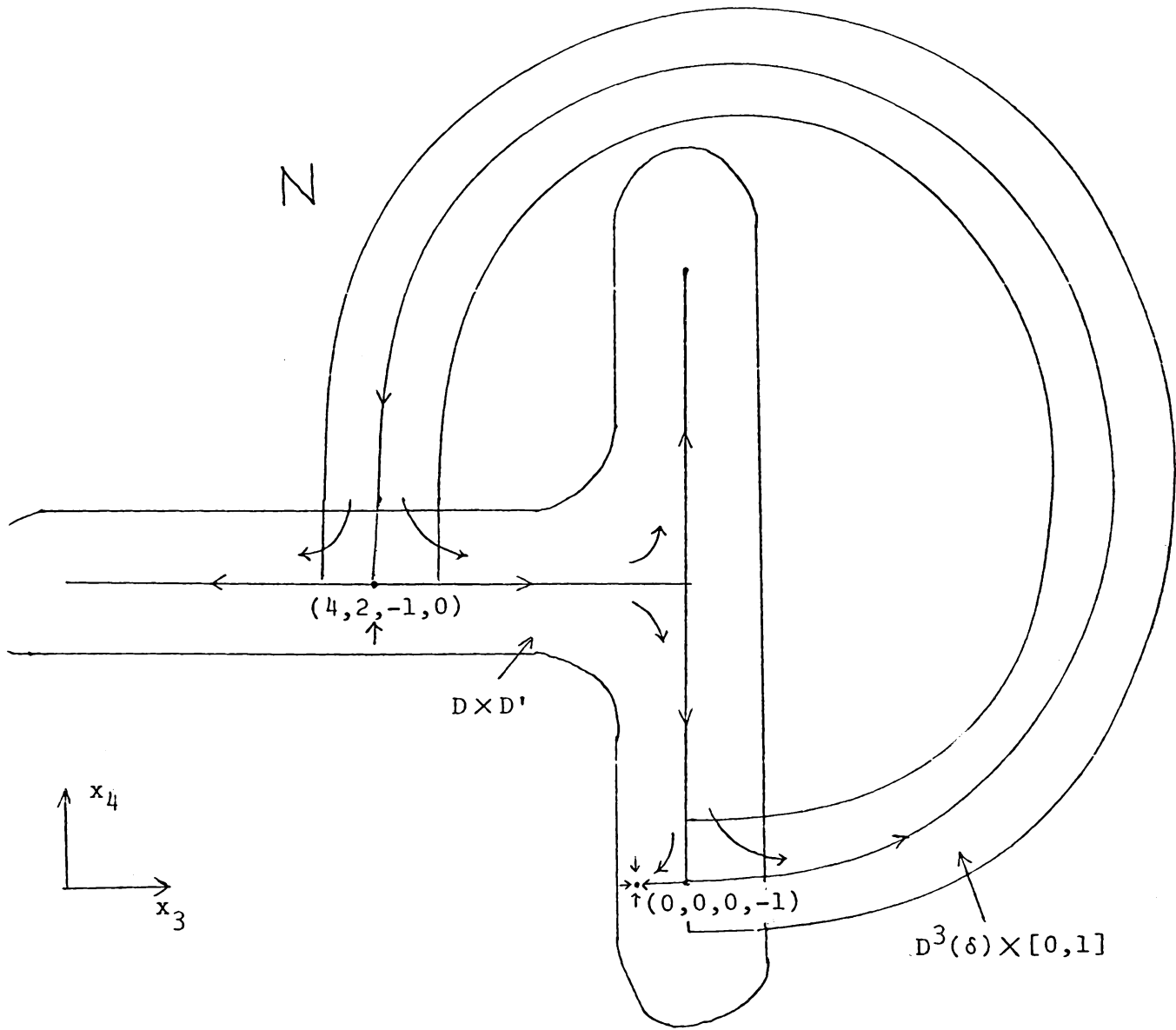


figure 3

$$\underline{4.1} \quad F(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (f(x_1, x_2), g(x_3, x_4)).$$

5. For  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in D \times D'$  with  $\frac{1}{4}\epsilon \leq |x_4+1| \leq \epsilon$ ,

define

$$\underline{5.1} \quad F(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (f_{|x_4+1|}(x_1, x_2), g(x_3, x_4)), \text{ where}$$

$f_t: D \rightarrow D$  ( $0 \leq t \leq \epsilon$ ) is an isotopy satisfying  $\underline{5.2} \sim \underline{5.6}$ .

Suppose that positive numbers  $b_1, \dots, b_4$  satisfy

$$\underline{5.2} \quad 0 < b_1 < b_2 < \delta < b_3 < b_4 < a_1, \\ ab_1 < b_2,$$

and

$$b_4 < \min\{4-a_4, a_5-4\}.$$

Then

$$\underline{5.3} \quad f_t(x_1, x_2) = f(x_1, x_2) \quad \text{if} \quad |x_1| < b_1 \quad \text{or} \quad |x_1| > b_4,$$

$$\underline{5.4} \quad f_t = f \quad \text{for} \quad \frac{1}{2}\epsilon \leq t \leq \epsilon,$$

$$\underline{5.5} \quad f_t = f_0 \quad \text{for} \quad 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{4}\epsilon,$$

and

$$\underline{5.6} \quad f_t(x_1, x_2) = (\bar{f}_t(x_1), \beta x_2) \quad \text{for} \quad |x_1| \leq b_4,$$

where  $\bar{f}_t$  is an isotopy of a neighbourhood of 0 in  $\mathbb{R}^1$  and

$\bar{f}_0$  has five fixed points: three sources 0,  $\pm b_3$ , and two sinks  $\pm b_2$ .

6. For  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in D \times D'$  with  $|x_4+1| < \frac{1}{4}\epsilon$ ,  $F$  is defined as follows. Let

$$\underline{6.1} \quad U = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in D \times D' \mid \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + (x_4+1)^2} \leq \delta\},$$

and

$$\underline{6.2} \quad U_1 = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in D \times D' \mid \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + (x_4+1)^2} \leq \delta_1\},$$

where  $b_2 < \delta_1 < \delta$ .

Then  $F$  is defined as follows.

$$\underline{6.3} \quad F(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (f_0(x_1, x_2), g(x_3, x_4)) \\ \text{if } (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in D \times D' - U \quad \text{and} \quad |x_4 + 1| < \frac{1}{4}\epsilon,$$

$$\underline{6.4} \quad F(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (f_0(x_1, x_2), \bar{g}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4), \frac{1}{2}(x_4 + 1) - 1) \\ \text{if } (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in U \cap F^{-1}(U),$$

where  $\bar{g}$  satisfies  $\underline{6.5} \sim \underline{6.7}$ .

$$\underline{6.5} \quad \bar{g}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \frac{1}{2}x_3 \quad \text{near the frontier of } U,$$

$$\underline{6.6} \quad \bar{g}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = 2x_3 \\ \text{if } (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in U_1 \quad \text{and} \quad -\frac{1}{4}\epsilon \leq x_3 \leq \frac{1}{2}\epsilon,$$

and

$$\underline{6.7} \quad \bar{g}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \text{ does not depend on } x_1 \text{ if } |x_1| < b_1.$$

$$\underline{6.8} \quad F(\{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in U \mid x_3 < 0\}) \\ \subset \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in U \mid x_3 < 0\}.$$

In  $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in U \mid x_3 < 0\}$  there are only a finite number of nonwandering points, which are hyperbolic fixed points.

Furthermore  $F$  satisfies the conditions in 10.

7. On  $D^3(\delta) \times [0, 1 - \epsilon]$ ,  $F$  is given as follows

$$\underline{7.1} \quad F(y_1, y_2, y_3, t) = (f_0(y_1, y_2), \frac{1}{2}y_3, \phi(y_1, y_2, y_3, t)) \in D^3(\delta) \times [0, 1],$$

where  $\phi$  satisfies the followings.

$$\text{If } \sqrt{y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2} < \delta_1 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{2} < t,$$

$$\underline{7.2} \quad \phi(y_1, y_2, y_3, t) \text{ depends only on } t$$

and

$$\underline{7.3} \quad \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} > 0.$$

$$\underline{7.4} \quad \phi(y_1, y_2, y_3, t) = 1 - \frac{1}{2}(1 - t) \quad \text{for} \quad 1 - 2\epsilon \leq t \leq 1 - \epsilon.$$

$$\underline{7.5} \quad \phi(y_1, y_2, y_3, t) = \bar{g}(y_1, y_2, t, y_3 - 1) \quad \text{if} \quad 0 \leq t \leq \epsilon.$$

Moreover  $F$  satisfies 10.

$$8. \quad \text{For } (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in D \times D' \quad \text{with} \quad |x_3 + 1| < \frac{1}{4}\epsilon,$$



$F$  is given as follows. Let  $h_t: D \rightarrow D$  ( $0 \leq t \leq \epsilon$ ) be an isotopy such that

$$\underline{8.1} \quad h_t = f \quad \text{if} \quad \frac{1}{2}\epsilon \leq t \leq \epsilon,$$

$$\underline{8.2} \quad h_t(x_1, x_2) = f(x_1, x_2) \\ \text{if} \quad -2 \leq x_1 \leq 4 - b_4 \quad \text{or} \quad 4 + b_4 \leq x_1 \leq 6,$$

and

$$\underline{8.3} \quad h_t(x_1, x_2) = f(x_1 - 4, x_2 - 2) + (4, 2) \quad \text{if} \quad |x_1 - 4| < b_4.$$

Then

$$\underline{8.4} \quad F(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (h_0(x_1, x_2), \bar{h}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4), \frac{1}{2}x_4),$$

where  $\bar{h}$  satisfies the followings.

$$\underline{8.5} \quad \bar{h}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \frac{1}{2}(x_3 + 1) - 1 \\ \text{if} \quad \sqrt{(x_1 - 4)^2 + (x_2 - 2)^2 + (x_3 + 1)^2} \leq \delta \quad \text{and} \quad x_4 > \frac{2}{3}\epsilon,$$

$$\underline{8.6} \quad \bar{h}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = 2(x_3 + 1) - 1 \\ \text{if} \quad \sqrt{(x_1 - 4)^2 + (x_2 - 2)^2 + (x_3 + 1)^2} \geq \delta_2 \quad \text{or} \quad x_4 < \frac{1}{3}\epsilon,$$

where  $\delta < \delta_2 < \frac{1}{4}\epsilon$ .

$$\underline{8.7} \quad \bar{h}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \quad \text{does not depend on } x_1 \quad \text{if} \quad |x_1 - 4| < b_1.$$

Furthermore  $F$  satisfies 10.

9. For  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in D \times D'$  with  $\frac{1}{4}\epsilon \leq |x_3 + 1| < \epsilon$ , define

$$\underline{9.1} \quad F(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = (h_{|x_3 + 1|}(x_1, x_2), 2(x_3 + 1) - 1, \frac{1}{2}x_4).$$

10.  $F$  is an embedding of  $N$  such that

$$\underline{10.1} \quad F(N) \subset \text{int}N,$$

and

$$\underline{10.2} \quad F \text{ is isotopic to the identity.}$$

11. Straightening the corner ( and modifying  $F$  near the

corner ), we can regard  $N$  as a submanifold of  $M$  which is diffeomorphic to  $D^3 \times S^1$ . Extend  $F$  to a diffeomorphism of  $M$  such that the nonwandering sets of  $F$  in  $M-N$  consists of a finite number of hyperbolic fixed points.

12. The nonwandering set of  $F$  consists of a finite number of hyperbolic fixed points and two non-periodic orbits

$$\{(x_1, x_2, 0, 0) \in D \times D' \mid (x_1, x_2) \text{ satisfies } 12, i\} \quad (i = 1, 2),$$

where

12.1 there is an integer  $n_0$  such that

$$f^n(x_1, x_2) \in A_5 \quad \text{if } n < n_0,$$

$$f^n(x_1, x_2) \in A_3 \quad \text{if } n = n_0,$$

$$f_n(x_1, x_2) \in A_1 \quad \text{if } n > n_0,$$

and

12.2 there is an integer  $n_0$  such that

$$f^n(x_1, x_2) \in A_5 \quad \text{if } n < n_0,$$

$$f^n(x_1, x_2) \in A_1 \quad \text{if } n \geq n_0.$$

The details will be published elsewhere.

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