

Contact Anosov flow and FBI transform

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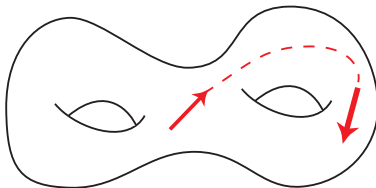
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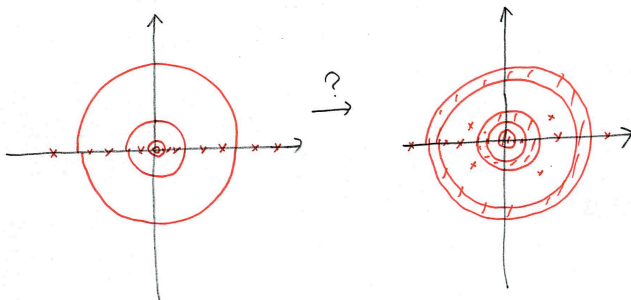
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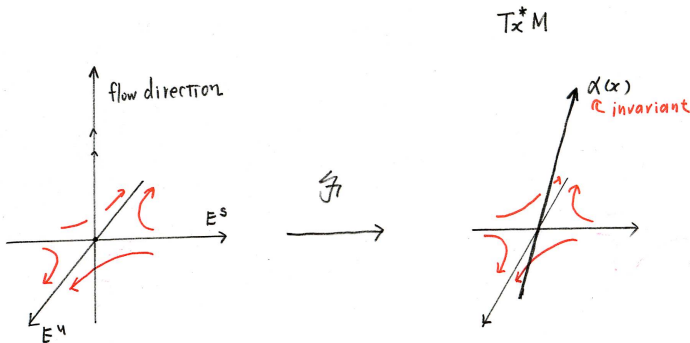


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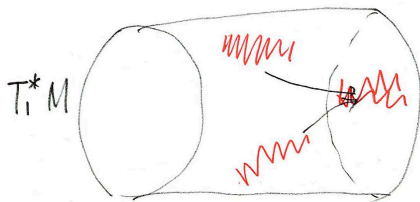
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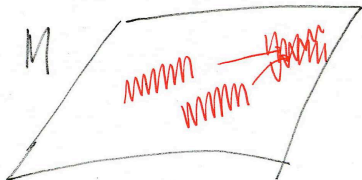
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Below we consider the operator $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u} \circ \mathbf{A}$ as a localized and simplified model of the transfer operator for contact Anosov flow.

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"Fourier transform in \mathbb{R} " + "(scaled) FBI transform in \mathbb{R}^2 "

Anisotropic Sobolev space

Anisotropic Sobolev space \mathbf{H} is defined as the completion of $\mathbf{C}_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^3)$ with respect to the norm

$$\|\mathbf{u}\|_{\mathbf{H}} = \|\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}, \nu) \cdot \mathbb{T}\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}, \nu)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R}^2 \oplus \mathbb{R}^2 \oplus \mathbb{R})}$$

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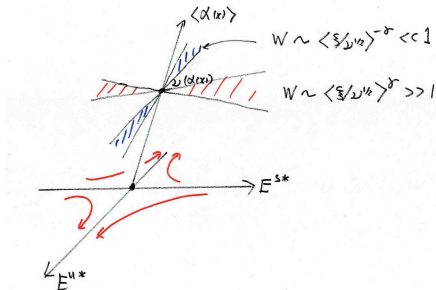
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Construction of the weight function W

More precisely, we set $w(\xi) = \langle \xi \rangle^{\mu(\xi/|\xi|)}$ where

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- If we apply such estimate for \mathcal{L}^t on local charts and let $t \rightarrow \infty$, we get the main theorem.

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L^2(\mathbb{R}^2 \oplus \mathbb{R}^2 \oplus \mathbb{R}, \widetilde{W}) & \longrightarrow & L^2(\mathbb{R}^2 \oplus \mathbb{R}^2 \oplus \mathbb{R}, \widetilde{W}) \\
\parallel & & \parallel \\
L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) \otimes L^2(\mathbb{R}^2, \widetilde{W}) \otimes L^2(\mathbb{R}) & \xrightarrow{L_0 \otimes \overline{L_0} \otimes \text{Id}} & L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) \otimes L^2(\mathbb{R}^2, \widetilde{W}) \otimes L^2(\mathbb{R})
\end{array}$$

where

$$L_0 = (\det(\text{Id} + A^* A)/2)^{1/4} \cdot P \circ L' \circ P$$

with L' is pull-back by A restricted on \mathbb{R}^2 and P the projection

$$Pu(x) = c \int \exp(i \cdot \omega_0(x, y)/2 - |x - y|^2/4) u(y) dy$$

The last part of the proof

Finally we show

$$(1) \quad \|L_0 : L^2(\mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^2)\| \leq 1.$$

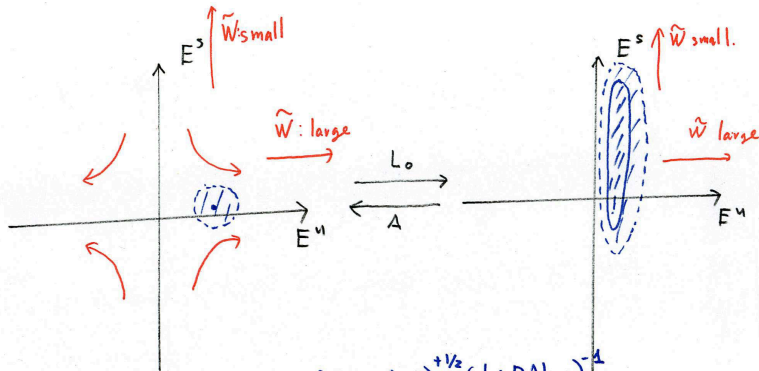
$$(2) \quad \|L_0 : L^2(\mathbb{R}^2, \widetilde{W}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{R}^2, \widetilde{W})\| \leq \det(\text{Id} + \mathbf{A}^* \mathbf{A})^{-1/4} \sim \lambda^{-1/2}$$

(1) can be proved by a rather general argument. To see (2), we have only to apply the crude estimate on the kernel of \mathbf{P} :

$$|\exp(i\omega_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})/2 - |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^2/4)| = \exp(-|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^2/4)$$

and the definition of the weight function \mathbf{W} .

In w -plane



$$\|L_0: L^2(\mathbb{R}^2, w) \ni\| \lesssim (\det DA|_{E^u})^{+1/2} (\det DA|_{E^s})^{-1/2} \\ \sim (\det DA|_{E^u})^{-1/2}$$