

Def A diffeo  $f: M \rightarrow M$  is Anosov if  $\exists \lambda > 1$  and a  $Df$ -inv't splitting

$$TM = E^u \oplus E^s$$

such that

$$\|Df v\| > \lambda \|v\| \quad \text{for } v \in E^u$$

and

$$\|Df v\| < \frac{1}{\lambda} \|v\| \quad \text{for } v \in E^s.$$

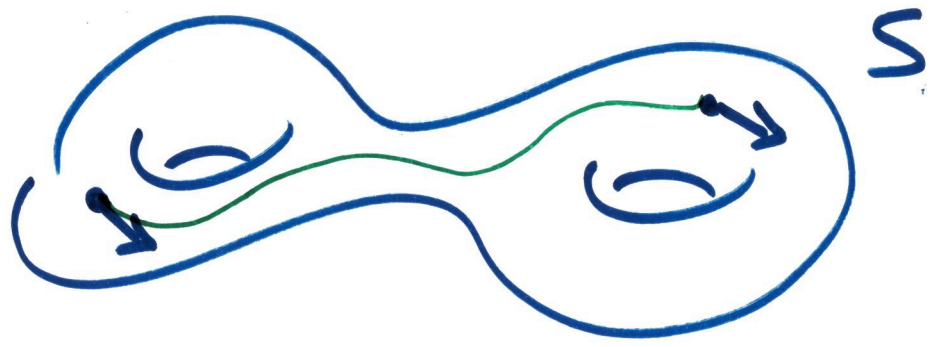
Hopf argument:  $C^2$  Anosov  $\Rightarrow$  ergodic

$\phi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous

Birkhoff Erg Thm  $\Rightarrow$   $\phi^+$  const along  $\omega^s$   
 $\phi^-$  const along  $\omega^u$   
 $\phi^+ = \phi^-$  exists a.e.

$C^2$  + Anosov  
 $\Downarrow$   
 $\omega^s$  and  $\omega^u$  are  
 absolutely continuous

$\phi^+ = \phi^-$  constant a.e.  
 $\Rightarrow f$  is ergodic.



$$M = T, S$$

# A Brief History of Smooth Ergodic Theory

1939 - Hopf

Geodesic flow of negatively curved surface is ergodic.

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1967 - Anosov and Sinai

Anosov diffeos (e.g. cat map)  
and Anosov flows (e.g. geodesic flow above)  
are stably ergodic.

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1974 - Brin and Pesin

~~Certain~~ Certain partially hyperbolic systems  
are ergodic.

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1994 - Grayson, Pugh, and Shub

The time-one map of the above geodesic flow is stably ergodic as a diffeo.

Grayson, Pugh, Shub

Two key ideas:

partial hyperbolicity  
and  
accessibility.

~~Def~~

~~A~~ ~~#~~

$\varphi$  is the time-one map

All  $f \sim_c \varphi$ , meas pres.

are partially hyperbolic  
and accessible

$\Rightarrow$  ergodic.

# Pugh Shub Conjectures.

Conj 1 Ergodicity holds on an open and dense set of <sup>cons.</sup> partially hyperbolic (PH) diffeomorphisms.

Conservative = inv't meas equiv to Leb.

Conj 2 Accessibility is open and dense

Conj 3 Accessibility implies ergodicity.

Def A diffeo  $f: M \rightarrow M$  is  
partially hyperbolic if

there is a  $Df$ -inv't splitting

$$TM = E^u \oplus E^c \oplus E^s$$

s.t.

$$\|Df v^s\| < 1 < \|Df v^u\|$$

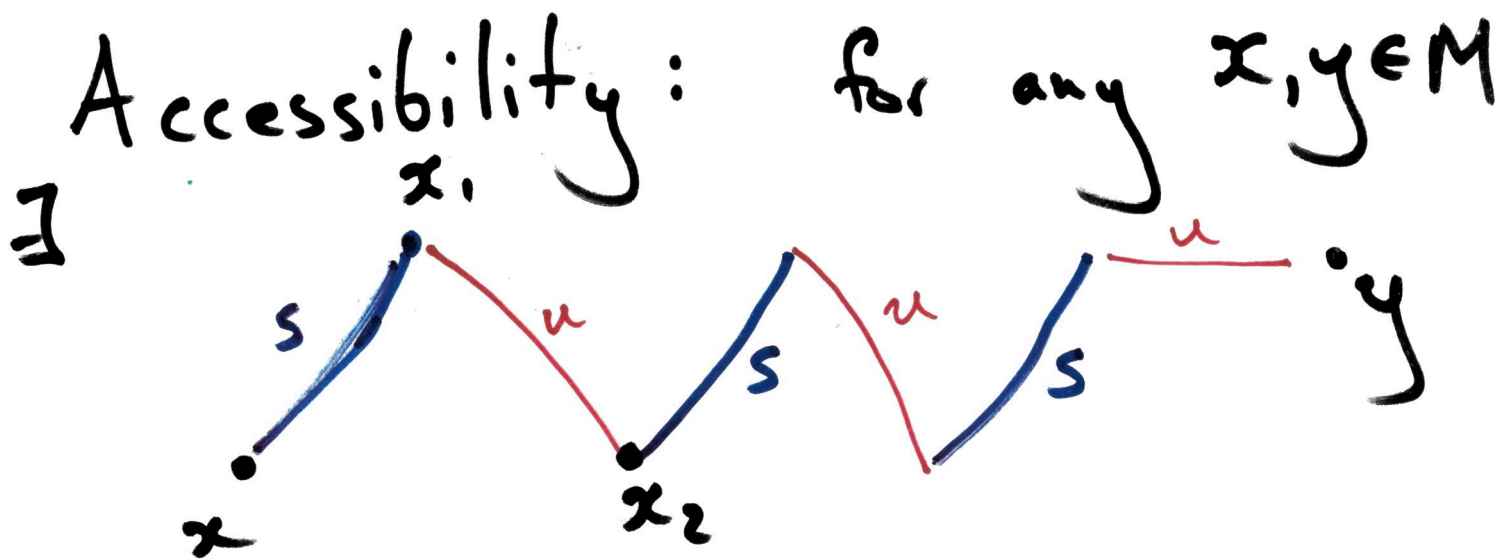
$$\|Df v^s\| < \|Df v^c\| < \|Df v^u\|$$

for unit vectors  $v^* \in E^*$ .

center bunching:

$$\|Df v^s\| < \frac{\|Df v_1^c\|}{\|Df v_2^c\|} < \|Df v^u\|$$

$$v_1^c, v_2^c \in E_x^c.$$



"Proof" that PH + acc.  
implies ergodicity.

$\phi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  etc.

$\phi^+$  is const on stable leaves.

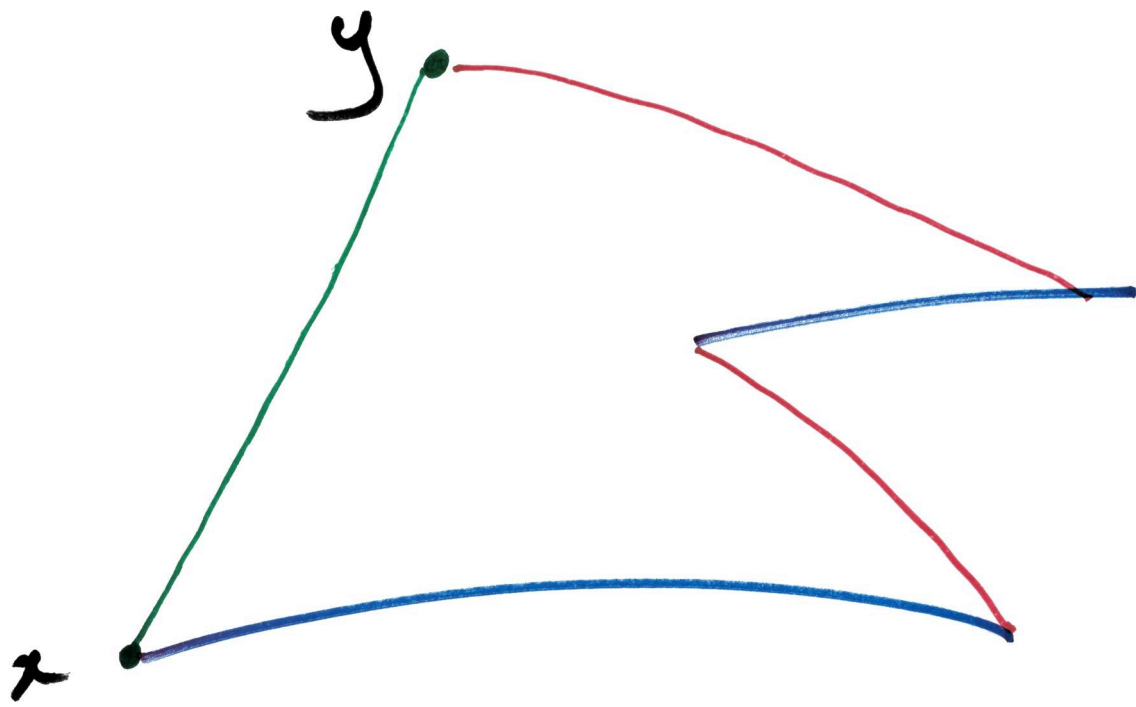
$\omega^s$  foln  
tangent  $E^s$ .

$\phi^-$  is const on unstable

leaves.

$$\phi^+(x) = \phi^+(x_1) = \phi^-(x_1) = \phi^-(x_2)$$

$$= \dots = \phi^+(y).$$



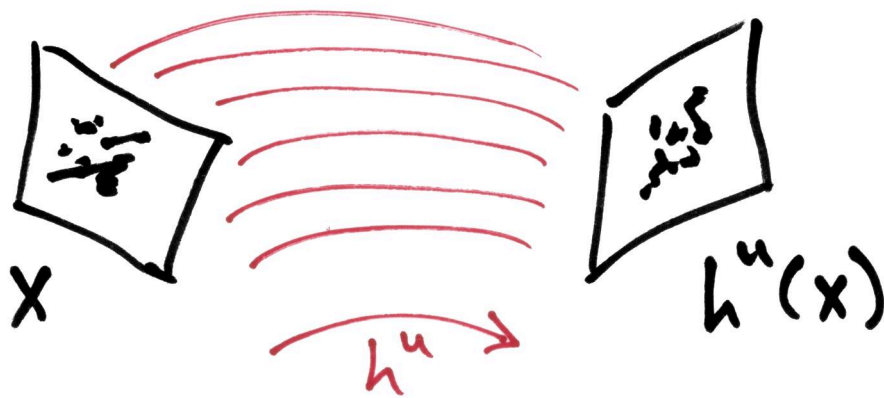


$f \in C^2$ , partially hyperbolic  
volume preserving

What still holds?

$\exists$  fol'n  $W^s$  tangent to  $E^{cs}$   
 $W^u$   $E^u$

These fol'ns are abs cts



$$m(X) = 0 \iff m(h^u(X)) = 0$$

Birkhoff Erg Thm:  $\phi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
cts

$\phi^+$  const on stable leaves

$\phi^-$  const on unstable leaves

$$\phi^+ = \phi^- \text{ a.e.}$$

$W^c$  is almost never  
absolutely continuous  
(if it even exists!)

Thm [Rodriguez Hertz - Rodriguez Hertz-Ures]

Pugh - Shub conjectures are true when  $\dim E^c = 1$ .

[Burns - Wilkinson]

Thm If  $f \in C^2$  partially hyperbolic

volume preserving ~~and~~  
accessible and

"center bunched"

then

$f$  is ergodic.

Pugh - Shub Conjs:

"PH leads to  
stable ergodicity"

Does some form of  
converse hold?

Yes ...

with the right def'n  
of stable ergodicity.

Def A  $C^2$ -diffeo  $f$   
is

stably ergodic

if every  $C^2$ -diffeo  
which  $C^1$ -close to  $f$   
is also ergodic.

Using "a conservative  
pasting lemma"  
of Arbieto - Matheus:

Mañé:

In dimension 2,

Anosov  $\iff$  stably ergodic

[ and by Franks

Anosov  $\implies$  top conj to  
a linear map ]

Arbieto - Matheus:

In dim 3,

a stably ergodic flow

is Anosov.

Díaz - Pujals - Ures:

In dim 3,

a stably ergodic diffeo

is (weakly) partially hyperbolic.

Bonatti - Díaz - Pujals:

In ANY dimension,

a stably ergodic diffeo

is "volume partially hyperbolic.

Consider symplectomorphisms  
of  $(M, \omega)$

$$f: M \rightarrow M \quad f^* \omega = \omega$$

Horita - Tahzibi (2006):

stably ergodic  $\Rightarrow$  partially  
hyperbolic

Ávila - Bochi - Wilkinson: (2009)

~~stable~~ ergodicity is  
 $C^1$ -generic among  
partially hyperbolic sympl.

not stable.  
Oops!



Announced by  
Ávila - Crovisier - Wilkinson:

Ergodicity is

$C^1$ -open and  $C^1$ -dense

among  $C^2$   $\downarrow$  conservative.  
partially  
hyperbolic diffeomorphisms.

[A  $C^1$ -~~re~~ answer to the  
Pugh - Shub conjectures]

Density of accessibility

if  $\dim E^c = 1$ .

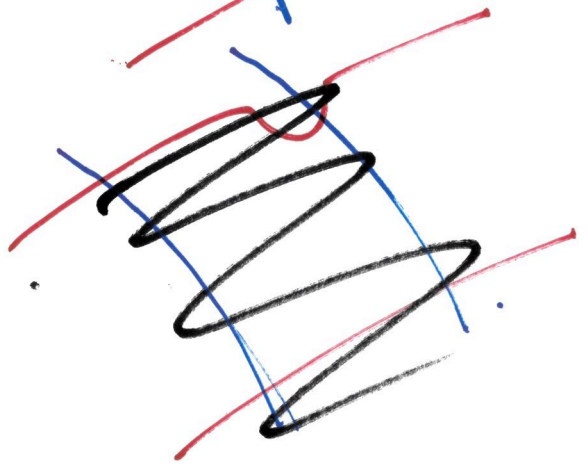
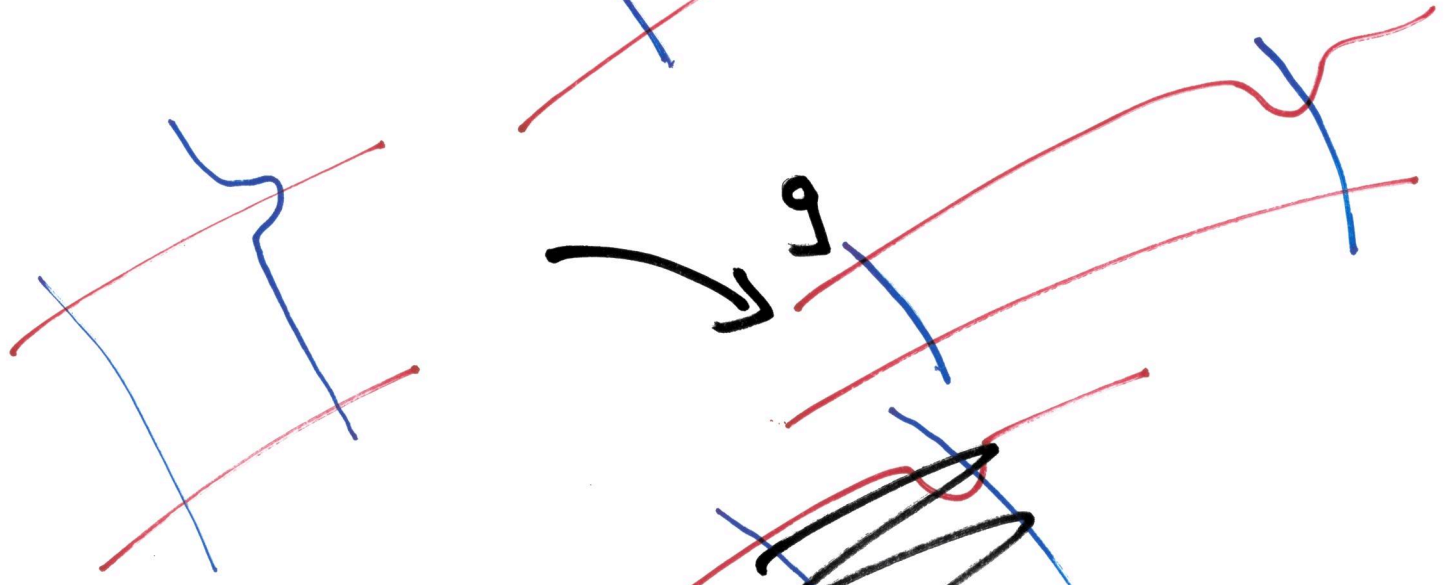
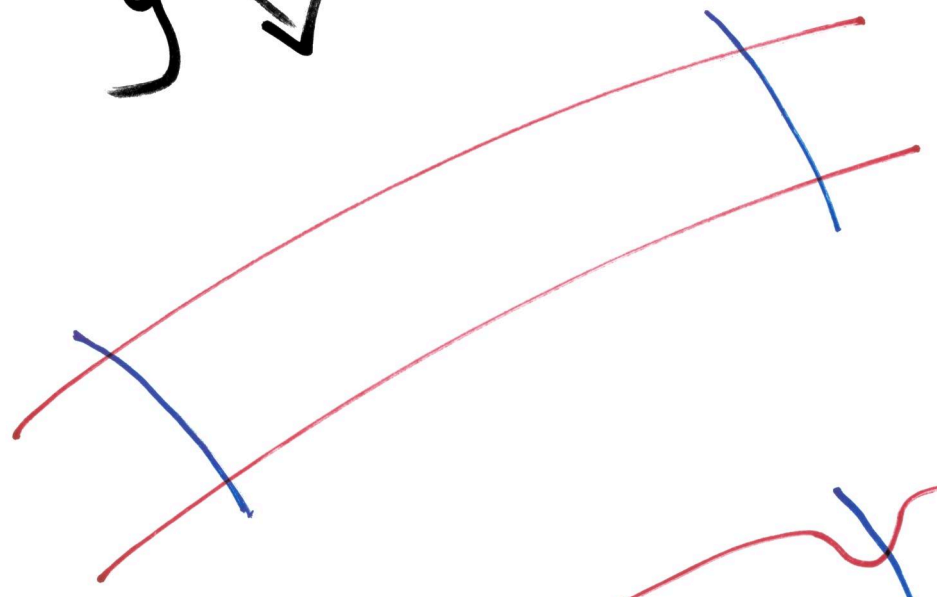
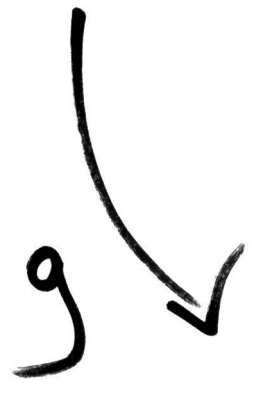
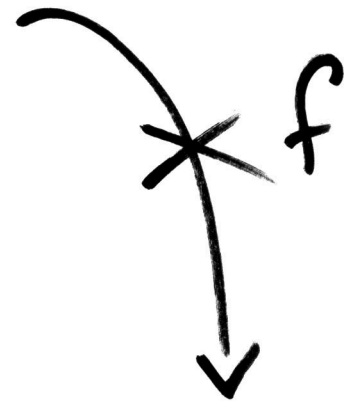
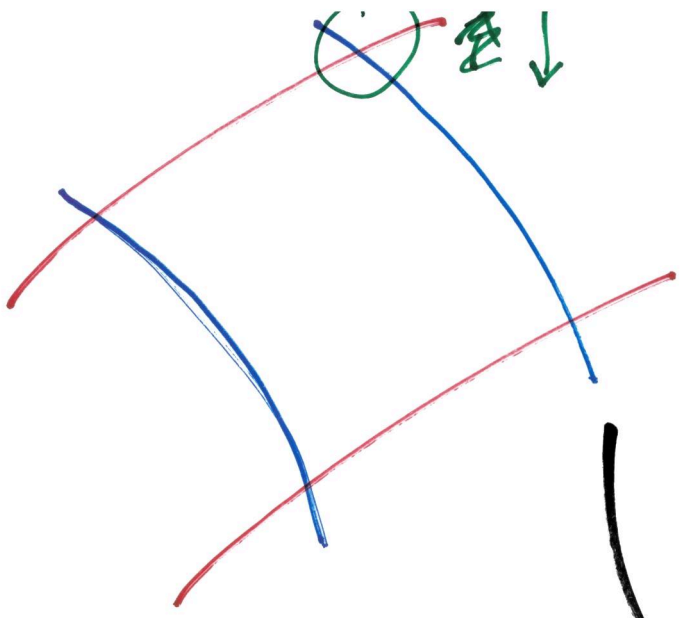
[Hertz - Hertz - Ures]

If  $f$  is not acc.

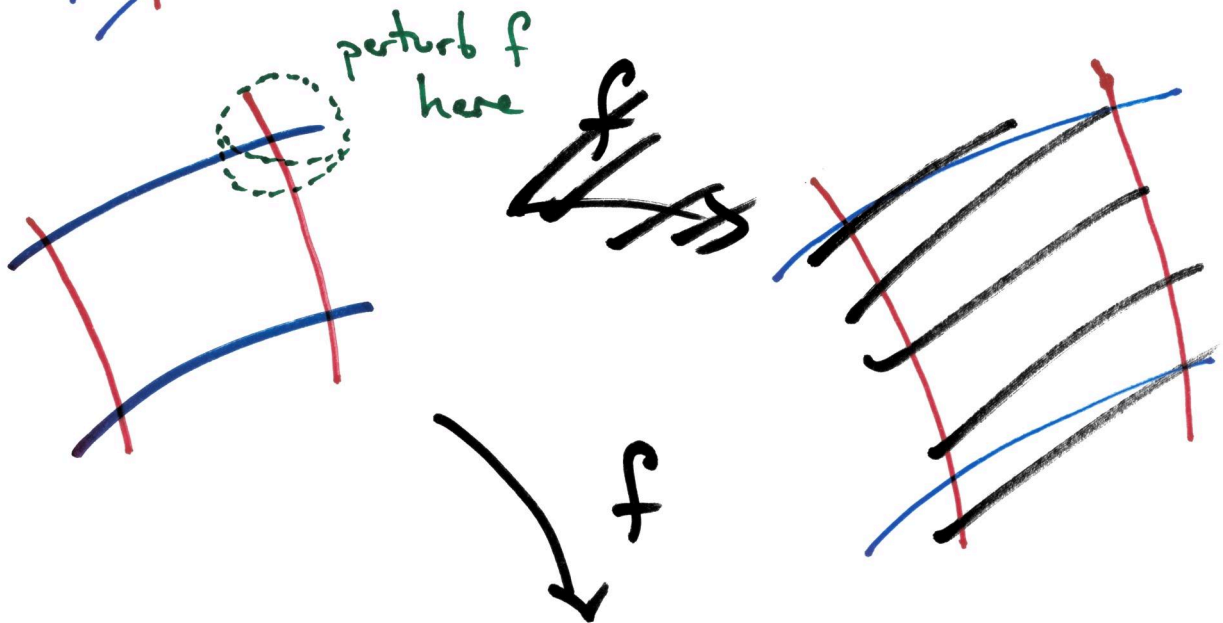
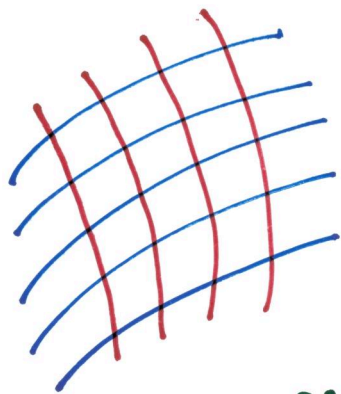
there is a lamination  $\Lambda$   
of leaves tangent to

$$E^u \oplus E^s$$

Perturb to "break" all  
the leaves.



# 2D leaf in 3D space



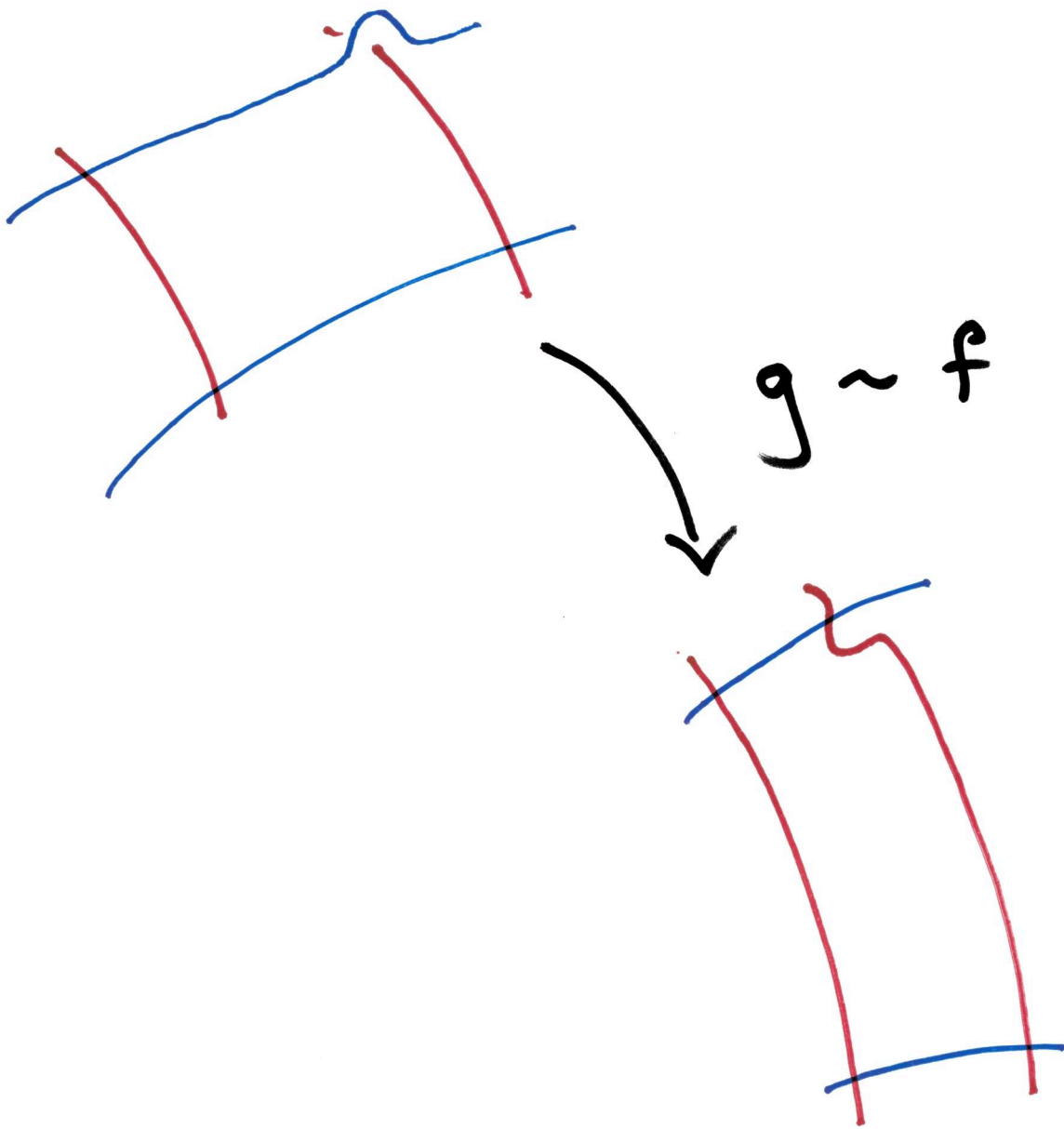
stable <sup>leaf</sup> manifold  
determined by the  
future

→ changed

unstable leaf  
determined by the  
past

→ unchanged.



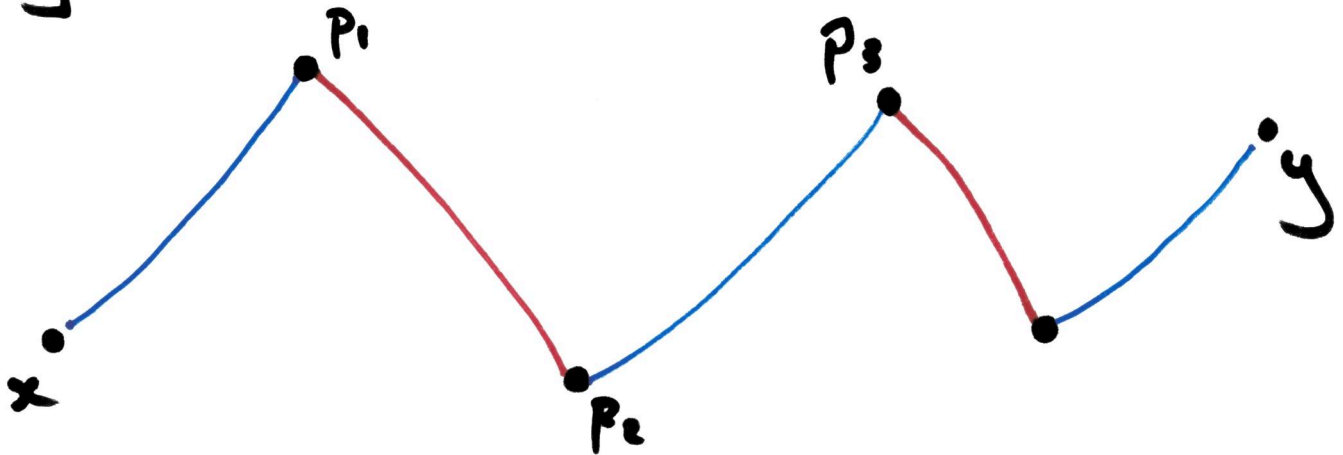


Not quite that simple  
as orbits can go  
through the perturbed  
area multiple times.

"Proof" on Conj 3

For any  $x, y \in M$

$\exists$



$$\phi^+(x) \stackrel{\checkmark}{=} \phi^+(p_1) \stackrel{\checkmark}{=} \phi^-(p_1) \stackrel{\checkmark}{=} \phi^-(p_2) \stackrel{\checkmark}{=} \phi^+(p_2) \dots$$

Don't know if this holds

BET holds almost everywhere.

Lebesgue density pts.

Idea: Using Leb. density pts.

$A \subset \mathbb{R}$  meas

$x \in \mathbb{R}$  is a Leb density pt  
if  $\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{m(A \cap [x-\varepsilon, x+\varepsilon])}{m([x-\varepsilon, x+\varepsilon])} =$

Thm

If  $\hat{A}$  is the set of  
Leb density points of  $A$

then

$A$  equals  $\hat{A}$  mod zero.

In a manifold  $M$ , define  
Leb density points using balls:

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \frac{m(A \cap B_r(x))}{m(B_r(x))} = 1$$

This still holds!

Can show:

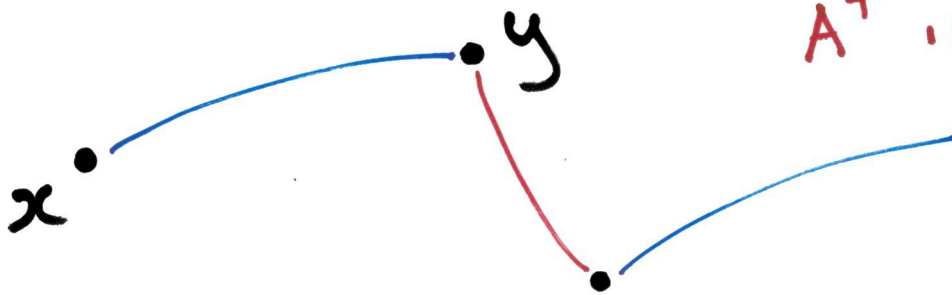
$\phi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  continuous  
 $c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$A^+ := \{x \in M : \phi^+(x) > c\}$$

then

$A^+$  is  $\sigma$ -saturated

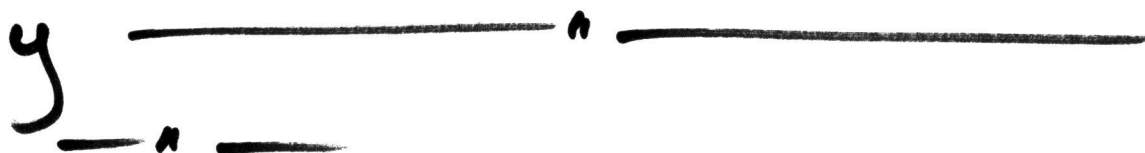
$A^+$  is essential  
 $\mu$ -saturated



$$A^+ \equiv \dots \equiv A^- \text{ mod zero.}$$

$x$  is a Leb density pt  
of  $A^+$

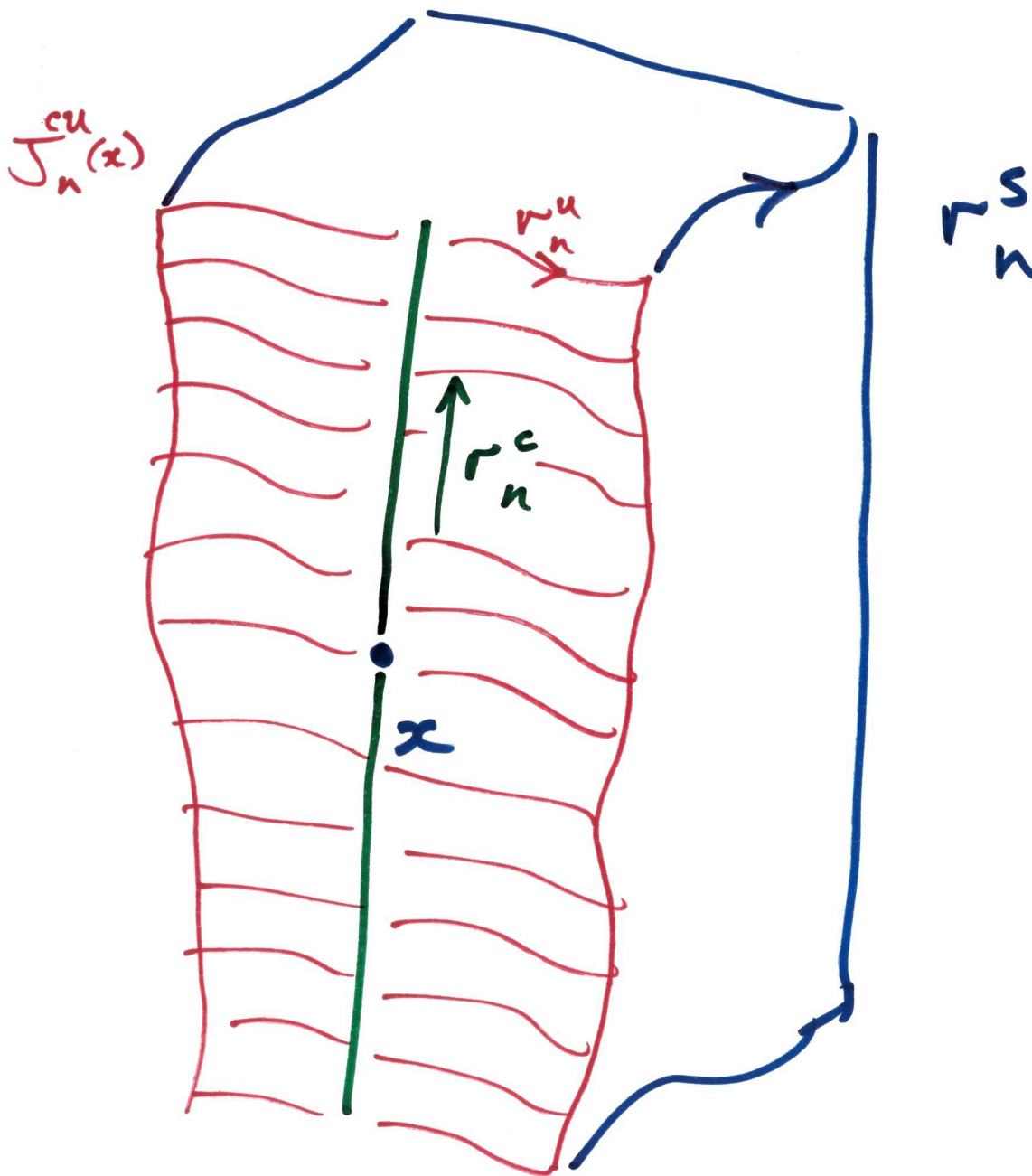
iff





# Julienne

## $J_n(x)$



$r_n^* \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$J_n(x)$  nest down to  $x$ .

Lebesgue density point:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m(X \cap B_n(x))}{m(B_n(x))} = 1$$

equiv  $\leftarrow$  (in this setting)

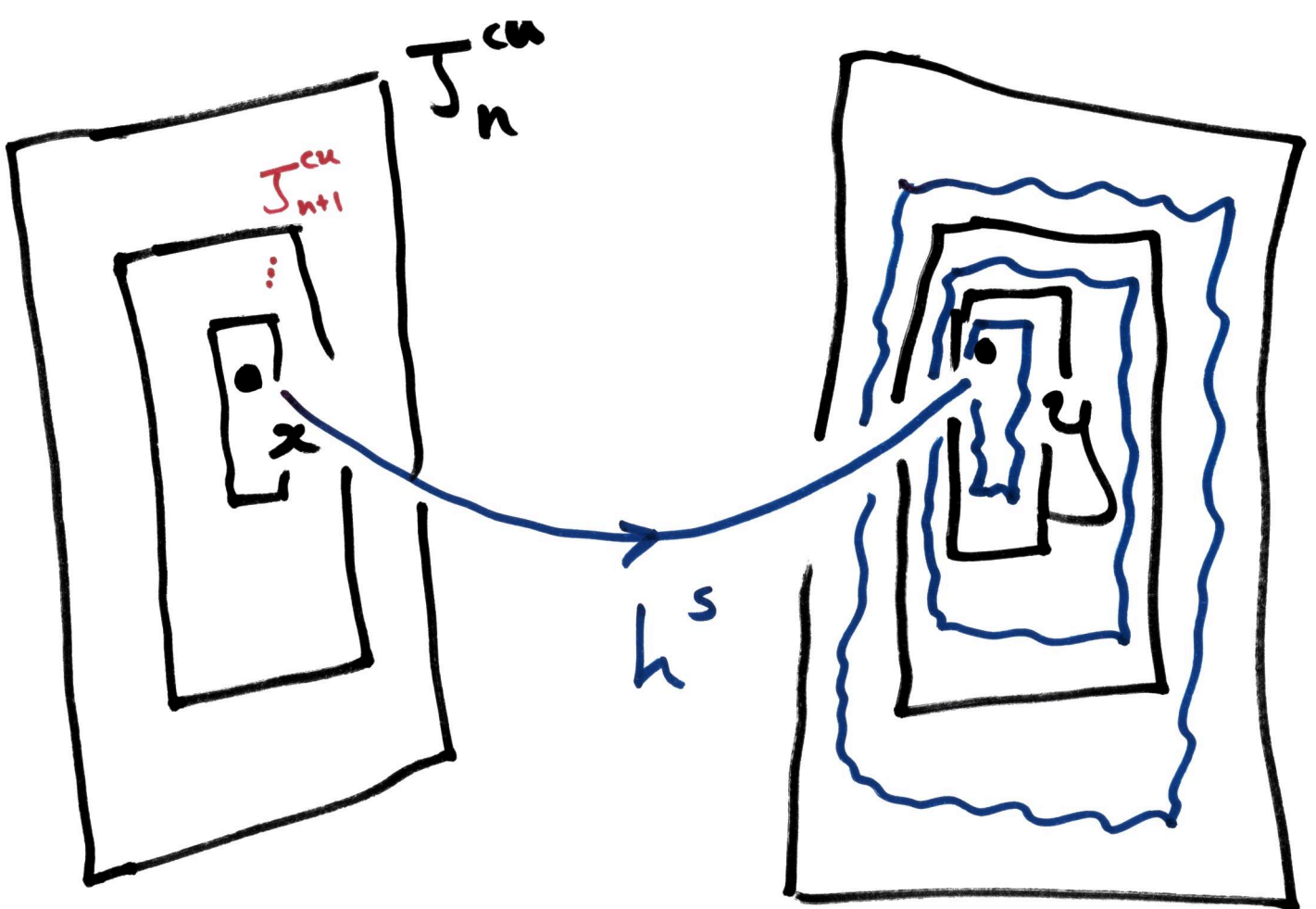
to a

Julienne density point

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m(X \cap J_n(x))}{m(J_n(x))} = 1$$

If  $X$  is  $s$ -saturated,  
then also equiv to

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m(X \cap J_n^{cu}(x))}{m(J_n^{cu}(x))} = 1$$



Sequences

$$h^s(J_n^{cu}(x))$$

and

$$J_n^{cu}(y)$$

are "internested".

$$\Rightarrow \lim \frac{m(X \cap J_n^{cu}(x))}{m(J_n^{cu}(x))} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \lim \frac{m(X \cap J_n^{cu}(y))}{m(J_n^{cu}(y))}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m(X_n \cap J_n^{cu}(x))}{m(\mathbb{R} \cap J_n^{cu}(x))} = 1$$

if and only if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m(X_n \cap J_n^{cu}(y))}{m(J_n^{cu}(y))} = 1$$

To prove crq

ETS

for every cts  $\phi: M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$

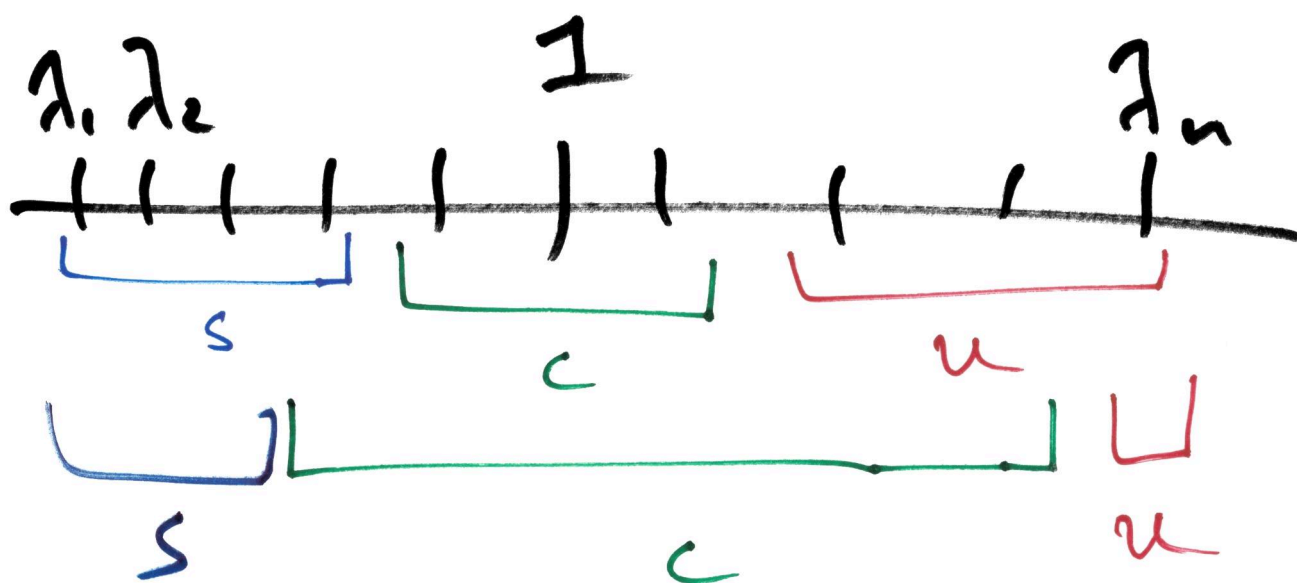
the set

$$\{ \cancel{\phi} x : \phi^+(x) > c \}$$

has either all  
nears or zero  
nears.

$f \sim A$   $n \times n$  matrix  
 integer vals  
 $\det A = 1$

$A : \mathbb{R}^n / \mathbb{Z}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n / \mathbb{Z}^n$



Conj [Pujals]

Every PH diffeo.  
in  $\dim 3$

is "flow-like"

skew-product  
over  $A: \mathbb{T}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^2$

or  
Derived-from-Anosov  
on  $\mathbb{T}^3$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

on  $\mathbb{T}^3$ .

p.h.

Leb meas.

not ergodic.

$A \times \text{id}$ .