

53. Reparametrization and Equicontinuous Flows

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Let X be a topological space, and R denotes the set of real numbers. A continuous mapping $\pi: X \times R \rightarrow X$ is said to be a *dynamical system* or a *flow* on (a phase space) X if π satisfies the following two conditions:

- (1) $\pi(x, 0) = x$ for $x \in X$,
- (2) $\pi(\pi(x, t), s) = \pi(x, t + s)$ for $x \in X$ and $t, s \in R$.

$C_\pi(x)$ denotes the orbit of π through $x \in X$. In this paper we always assume that phase spaces of flows are compact and connected metric spaces, and that every flow admits no singular point ($x \in X$ is called a *singular point* of π if $C_\pi(x) = \{x\}$). A flow π is said to be *equicontinuous* if $\{\pi_t\}_{t \in R}$ forms an equicontinuous family of homeomorphism of X onto Y , where π_t is defined by $\pi_t(x) = \pi(x, t)$ for $x \in X$. Let π and ρ be flows on X and Y , respectively. A homeomorphism h of X onto Y is called an *isomorphism* of π onto ρ if $h(C_\pi(x)) = C_\rho(h(x))$ for $x \in X$. In this case, it is known ([1]) that there exists a continuous function $\phi: X \times R \rightarrow R$, which is called the *reparametrization* for h , satisfying $h(\pi(x, t)) = \rho(h(x), \phi(x, t))$ for $(x, t) \in X \times R$. We can easily verify the above reparametrization ϕ satisfies the following condition (A):

$$(A) \quad \phi(x, t + s) = \phi(\pi(x, t), s) + \phi(x, t) \quad \text{for } x \in X \text{ and } t, s \in R.$$

Further, if the both flows are equicontinuous, then ϕ is uniformly continuous on $X \times R$ ([2]). In this paper we shall show the following

Theorem. *Let π be an equicontinuous flow on X , and let ϕ be a continuous function on $X \times R$ satisfying the property (A). If ϕ is uniformly continuous on $X \times R$, then there exist a real number α and a continuous function $\Phi: X \rightarrow R$ satisfying*

$$\phi(x, t) = -\Phi(\pi(x, t)) + \Phi(x) + \alpha t \quad \text{for } (x, t) \in X \times R.$$

To prove the theorem, we need several lemmas. Put $F_t(x) = \frac{\phi(x, t)}{t}$ for $(x, t) \in X \times [1, \infty)$.

Lemma 1. *$\{F_t\}_{t \geq 1}$ is uniformly bounded and equicontinuous.*

Proof. Equicontinuity of $\{F_t\}$ follows from the uniform continuity of ϕ . By the property (A) we have

$$\phi(x, t) = \phi(\pi(x, t-1), 1) + \phi(x, t-1)$$