

Vanishing Twist in the Hamiltonian Hopf Bifurcation

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Abstract

The Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation has an integrable normal form that describes the passage of the eigenvalues of an equilibrium through the $1 : -1$ resonance. At the bifurcation the pure imaginary eigenvalues of the elliptic equilibrium turn into a complex quadruplet of eigenvalues and the equilibrium becomes a linearly unstable focus-focus point. We explicitly calculate the frequency map of the integrable normal form, in particular we obtain the rotation number as a function on the image of the energy-momentum map in the case where the fibres are compact. We prove that the isoenergetic non-degeneracy condition of the KAM theorem is violated on a curve passing through the focus-focus point in the image of the energy-momentum map. This is equivalent to the vanishing of twist in a Poincaré map for each energy near that of the focus-focus point. In addition we show that in a family of periodic orbits (the non-linear normal modes) the twist also vanishes. These results imply the existence of all the unusual dynamical phenomena associated to non-twist maps near the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation.

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1 Introduction

Understanding the dynamics of a Hamiltonian system near equilibrium points is of fundamental importance. In the elliptic case the eigenvalues of the linearization are pure imaginary, $\lambda_j = \pm i\omega_j$, $j = 1, \dots, n$, where n is the number of degrees of freedom, which will be 2 in the following. By the Lyapunov Centre theorem the n normal modes of the linear approximation persist in the non-linear system when the eigenvalues are non-resonant. The resonant cases were much more recently treated by [20, 15, 6, 14]. In some sense the most exceptional resonance is the so called $1 : -1$ resonance, in which the quadratic part H_2 of the Hamiltonian H has degenerate eigenvalues and is not definite,

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$2H_2 = \omega(p_x^2 + x^2) - \omega(p_y^2 + y^2)$. The unfolding of the normal form gives a family of Hamiltonian systems with an equilibrium point that loses stability by passing through the $1 : -1$ resonance. This is called the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation, and was studied in detail by [18, 19], also see [2, 7]. The corresponding family of Hamiltonians is Liouville integrable. In this paper we show that near this bifurcation the twist vanishes. This means that the rotation number (i.e. the ratio of frequencies of the Hamiltonian flow on invariant tori) of the one parameter family of invariant tori with fixed energy has a critical point.

The dynamical consequences of vanishing twist are well known. They were first described by [12], and later studied by [11, 4, 17]. In [10] we have shown that the vanishing of twist in one parameter families of maps occurs near the $1 : 3$ resonance, also see [13]. In [9] we have shown that also in 4 dimensional symplectic maps the vanishing of twist appears near resonance. More recently in [8] we have shown that the twist also vanishes near the saddle-centre bifurcation, in which one multiplier passes through zero. In this paper we show that the principle that the twist vanishes near resonance also applies in the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation. For flows the condition of vanishing twist is one of the conditions for the standard form of the KAM theorem to hold. In this setting it is usually called the isoenergetic non-degeneracy condition. There exist KAM theorems with weaker conditions [5, 16], so that vanishing twist does not necessarily imply that the torus will be destroyed. It does mean, however, that a resonant twistless torus will create all the unexpected dynamics described by the twistless standard map.

In the following two sections we present well known material about the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation, in order to introduce the Hamiltonian and its Energy-Momentum map and to fix our notation. Then our own contribution starts with the derivation of the actions and the rotation number. The rotation number and its derivative are analysed near critical values of the energy-momentum map, namely near the isolated focus-focus point in the compact case and on the family of relative equilibria. The details of the expansion of the elliptic integrals are given in the appendix.

2 Hopf Normal Form

Consider coordinates $q = (q_1, q_2)$ and conjugate momenta $p = (p_1, p_2)$ so that the symplectic form on \mathbb{R}^4 is $\Omega = dp_1 \wedge dq_1 + dp_2 \wedge dq_2$. The normal form for the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation is

$$H(q_1, q_2, p_1, p_2) = \beta\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_2 + \delta(\gamma\Gamma_1 + \Gamma_3) + C\Gamma_1^2 + 2B\Gamma_1\Gamma_3 + 2D\Gamma_3^2 + O_3(\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma_3), \quad (1)$$

where $\Gamma_1 = p_2q_1 - p_1q_2$, $\Gamma_2 = \frac{1}{2}(p_1^2 + p_2^2)$, $\Gamma_3 = \frac{1}{2}(q_1^2 + q_2^2)$, and δ is a bifurcation parameter, β, γ, B, C, D are real constants such that $\beta \neq 0$ and $D \neq 0$. The expression O_3 denotes terms of order no less than 3 with respect to $\Gamma_i, i = 1, 2, 3$. For simplicity we will use the notation $\omega = \beta + \delta\gamma$. The system has an equilibrium point at the origin $p_i = q_i = 0$ with eigenvalues $\sqrt{-\delta} \pm i\omega$. For ease of notation we write $\alpha = \sqrt{-\delta}$ when $\delta < 0$, so that the eigenvalues of the equilibrium are $\pm\alpha \pm i\omega$. The dependence of ω on δ is not essential for our purposes, because $\beta \neq 0$. By a symplectic scaling with multiplier the parameter ω can be scaled to 1, and D can be scaled to ± 1 at the same time. We find it useful, however, to keep unscaled variables and parameters until the very last section.

The Hamiltonian system (1) is Liouville integrable. A second independent constant of motion is Γ_1 . It generates the S^1 symmetry

$$\Phi : S^1 \times \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4, \quad \Phi(\vartheta, q, p) = (S_\vartheta q, S_\vartheta p), \quad S_\vartheta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \vartheta & \sin \vartheta \\ -\sin \vartheta & \cos \vartheta \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

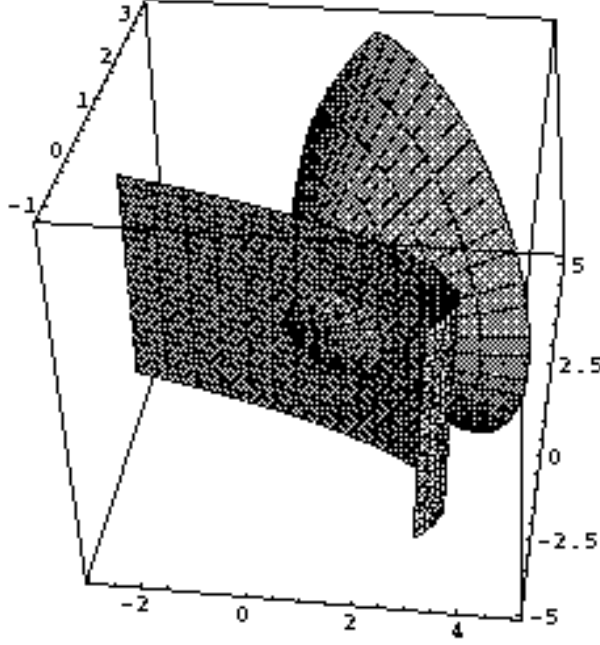


Figure 1: A typical intersection $M_{h,j}$ of the surfaces P_j and $H_j^{-1}(h)$.

The corresponding momentum map $J : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is given by $J(q, p) = p_2q_1 - p_1q_2$, which is Γ_1 . Since J generates the periodic flow Φ with period 2π it is an action of the integrable system. We denote the (constant) value of J by j . To perform the reduction with respect to this symmetry we use invariant theory, see e.g. [3]. Singular reduction occurs in this example because the action Φ is not free: the equilibrium (= the origin) is a fixed point of this action. The algebra of polynomials in \mathbb{R}^4 that are invariant under Φ is generated by $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma_3$ and $\Gamma_4 = p_1q_1 + p_2q_2$. This means that any polynomial of q_1, q_2, p_1, p_2 that is invariant under Φ can be written as a polynomial of $\Gamma_i, i = 1, \dots, 4$. The generators satisfy the relations

$$G(\Gamma) = \Gamma_1^2/2 + \Gamma_4^2/2 - 2\Gamma_2\Gamma_3 = 0, \quad \Gamma_2 \geq 0, \quad \Gamma_3 \geq 0. \quad (3)$$

The reduced phase space $P_j = J^{-1}(j)/S^1$ is defined by (3) with $\Gamma_1 = j$ as a semialgebraic variety in \mathbb{R}^3 with coordinates $(\Gamma_2, \Gamma_3, \Gamma_4)$. If $j \neq 0$ the reduced phase space P_j is one sheet of a two-sheeted hyperboloid given by (3), so it is a smooth manifold. But for $j = 0$ it is half of an elliptic cone and hence is not smooth because of the singular point of the cone at the origin $(\Gamma_2, \Gamma_3, \Gamma_4) = (0, 0, 0)$.

The reduced Hamiltonian is

$$H_j(\Gamma_2, \Gamma_3, \Gamma_4) = \omega j + \Gamma_2 + \delta\Gamma_3 + Cj^2 + 2Bj\Gamma_3 + 2D\Gamma_3^2. \quad (4)$$

The surface $H_j^{-1}(h)$ is a parabolic cylinder in $(\Gamma_2, \Gamma_3, \Gamma_4)$ that is independent of Γ_4 . The integral curves of the reduced system are given by the intersection of the surface P_j with the surface $H_j^{-1}(h)$, as illustrated in Fig. 1. We denote the intersection by $M_{h,j}$.

The Poisson bracket $\{\cdot, \cdot\}$ associated with the standard symplectic structure Ω on \mathbb{R}^4 defines a Poisson structure on the algebra of invariant polynomials with brackets

$$\{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2\} = \{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_3\} = \{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_4\} = 0, \quad (5)$$

$$\{\Gamma_2, \Gamma_3\} = \Gamma_4, \quad \{\Gamma_3, \Gamma_4\} = -2\Gamma_3, \quad \{\Gamma_4, \Gamma_2\} = -2\Gamma_2. \quad (6)$$

The momentum map of the S^1 action used for the reduction induces the Casimir Γ_1 in this Poisson bracket. In addition also the relation between the generators (3) given by G is a Casimir. Accordingly the nonzero brackets give a Poisson structure on \mathbb{R}^3 with coordinates $(\Gamma_2, \Gamma_3, \Gamma_4)$, that has the reduced spaces P_j as its symplectic leaves. It can be written as

$$\{\Gamma_2, \Gamma_3\} = \partial G / \partial \Gamma_4, \quad \{\Gamma_3, \Gamma_4\} = \partial G / \partial \Gamma_2, \quad \{\Gamma_4, \Gamma_2\} = \partial G / \partial \Gamma_3. \quad (7)$$

The reduced equations of motion are

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\Gamma}_2 &= \{\Gamma_2, H_j\} = \Gamma_4 \frac{\partial H_j}{\partial \Gamma_3}, \\ \dot{\Gamma}_3 &= \{\Gamma_3, H_j\} = -\Gamma_4, \\ \dot{\Gamma}_4 &= \{\Gamma_4, H_j\} = -2\Gamma_2 + 2\Gamma_3 \frac{\partial H_j}{\partial \Gamma_3}. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

The integral curves of this flow are given by $M_{h,j}$, the intersection of P_j and $H_j^{-1}(h)$. In general the intersection of these two manifolds is either empty or diffeomorphic to a circle. The preimage of any point in reduced phase space is the set of points in original phase space that are mapped to this point by the momentum map J . If one point in the preimage is known the others can be obtained by letting the flow of J (i.e. the map Φ) act on this point to get the complete fibre. This gives a circle unless starting in the origin. Therefore the preimage of a circle $M_{h,j}$ is a two dimensional torus \mathbb{T}^2 in the phase space of the original system.

Exceptions occur for equilibrium points of the reduced system. They occur either when the surface $H_j^{-1}(h)$ is tangent to P_j or when $j = 0$ and $H_0^{-1}(h)$ contains the singular point at the origin (which implies $h = 0$). The preimage of the singular point is not a circle, because $\Gamma_2 = \Gamma_3 = 0$ implies $q_1 = q_2 = p_1 = p_2 = 0$ and this is a fixed point of the flow Φ . This is the equilibrium point in the full system that undergoes the Hopf bifurcation. All other equilibrium points of the reduced system are reconstructed to periodic orbits of the full system; they are relative equilibria of J . The S^1 action generated by J is not free. The origin is a fixed point, and this is the reason why singular reduction is needed in this example.

3 Energy-Momentum Map

Using the reduced system we can find the critical values of the energy momentum map

$$F : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, \quad (p, q) \mapsto F(p, q) = (H(p, q), J(p, q)). \quad (9)$$

The values of the energy-momentum map are denoted by (h, j) . For every regular value of F the preimage in phase space is a two dimensional torus. The critical values are determined from equilibrium points of the reduced system because their preimages are not \mathbb{T}^2 . Since we are interested in a neighbourhood of the origin in phase space for small δ we will only consider a small neighbourhood of the origin in the image of the momentum map.

Consider the reduced equilibrium points caused by the singularity in the reduced space first. This singularity occurs for $j = 0$. The singular point $(\Gamma_2, \Gamma_3, \Gamma_4) = (0, 0, 0)$ has energy $h = 0$. The equilibrium at the origin in phase space is therefore mapped to the origin in the image of the momentum map.

When $\delta > 0$ the intersection $M_{0,0}$ restricted to a neighborhood of the origin in reduced phase space consists only of the origin. It reconstructs to an elliptic equilibrium. However, if $\delta < 0$ then $M_{0,0}$ is a non-smooth circle with a corner, if it is compact. The preimage of $M_{0,0}$ is diffeomorphic to a pinched torus in this case.

Consider next the equilibrium points caused by a tangency of P_j and $H_j^{-1}(h)$. At these critical values of H_j the gradient of H_j and the gradient of G are parallel. Since $\partial G/\partial \Gamma_4 = \Gamma_4$ the tangency may occur only on the hyperplane $\Gamma_4 = 0$. The intersections of P_j and $H_j^{-1}(h)$ with this hyperplane are one branch of a hyperbola and a parabola, respectively. They are described by the equations

$$j^2 = 4\Gamma_2\Gamma_3, \quad (10)$$

$$h = \omega j + Cj^2 + \Gamma_2 - \frac{(\delta + 2Bj)^2}{8D} + 2D \left(\Gamma_3 + \frac{\delta + 2Bj}{4D} \right)^2. \quad (11)$$

At the extremal values of h the two curves are tangent. Eliminating Γ_2 in (10) using (11) gives a polynomial of degree 3 in Γ_3 depending on j and h

$$Q_3(\Gamma_3) := -8D\Gamma_3^3 - 4(\delta + 2Bj)\Gamma_3^2 + 4(h - \omega j - Cj^2)\Gamma_3 - j^2 = 0. \quad (12)$$

This polynomial $Q_3(\Gamma_3)$ gives the value of Γ_3 obtained from $G = 0$ and expressed in terms of Γ_3 . The tangency between the hyperbola (10) and the parabola (11) occurs when Q_3 has a double root. We will first discuss all values of (h, j) for which a tangency occurs, irrespective of them satisfying the constraints $\Gamma_2 \geq 0$ and $\Gamma_3 \geq 0$. In a second step the critical values of the energy momentum will be found by consideration of these constraints.

To parametrize all tangencies we make the ansatz $Q_3(z) = -8D(z - d/2)^2(z + s^2/D/2)$ with parameters d and s parametrising the double and single root of Q_3 , respectively. This leads to the parametrisation of the tangencies by $s \in \mathbb{R}$

$$j_{\text{crit}}(s) = sd(s), \quad d(s) = \frac{\delta - s^2}{2(Bs - D)}, \quad (13)$$

$$h_{\text{crit}}(s) = \omega j_{\text{crit}}(s) + Cj_{\text{crit}}(s)^2 - 2d(s)^2D + 2sj_{\text{crit}}(s).$$

The root $\Gamma_3 = -s^2/D/2$ always has the opposite sign than D . The curve $(h_{\text{crit}}(s), j_{\text{crit}}(s))$ has singular points when s has one of the singular values satisfying $2Bs^3 - 3s^2D + \delta D = 0$. The number of singular points changes when the discriminant $108\delta D^2(D^2 - \delta B^2)$ vanishes. For small $|\delta|$ the only change occurs at $\delta = 0$, see Fig. 2, for two slices of the “swallowtail”.

For $\delta > 0$ the curve has two singular points near the origin for some $s \in (-\sqrt{\delta}, \sqrt{\delta})$. The two singular points are located at

$$h^* = \pm \frac{\omega}{\sqrt{27D}} \delta^{3/2} + \frac{2B\omega - 3D}{18D^2} \delta^2 \pm O(\delta^{5/2})$$

$$j^* = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{27D}} \delta^{3/2} + \frac{B}{9D^2} \delta^2 \pm O(\delta^{5/2}) \quad (14)$$

for small $\delta \geq 0$. The curve of critical values has a self-intersection at $s^2 = \delta$. The intersection point at the origin marks the elliptic equilibrium with eigenvalues $i(\omega \pm \sqrt{\delta})$. The slopes of the intersecting curves are given by the imaginary parts of the eigenvalues.

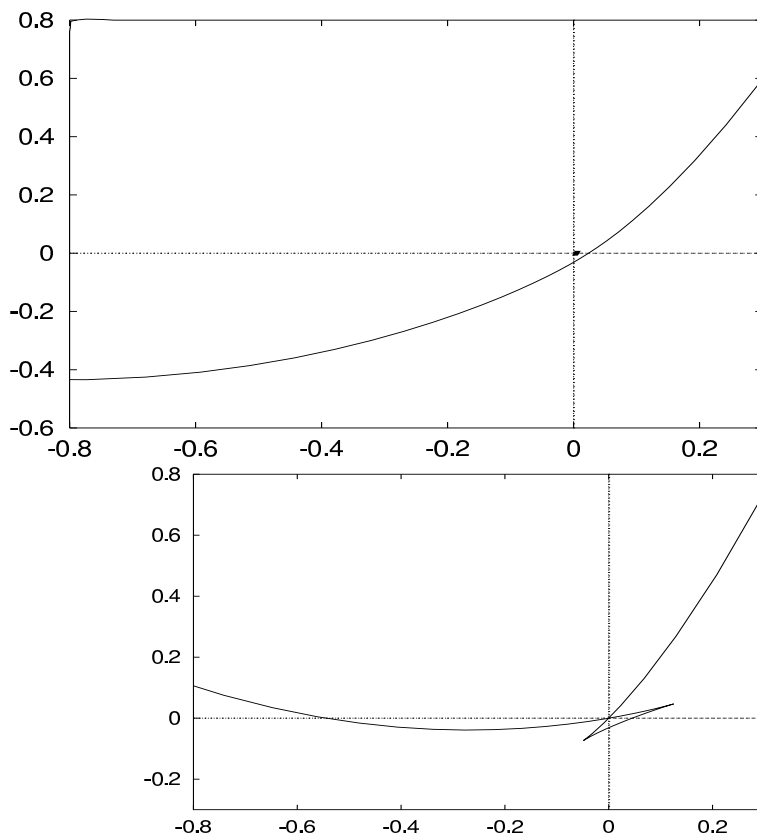


Figure 2: The discriminant surface of the polynomial Q_3 . The critical values of the energy-momentum map are contained in the discriminant surface. The small triangular part for $\delta > 0$ is not in the image of the energy-momentum map for $D < 0$. The figures correspond to the cases of $\delta = -0.15$ and $\delta = 0.15$ respectively. ($B = C = -D = \omega = 1.0$)

For $\delta < 0$ the equilibrium point at the origin is unstable with eigenvalues $\sqrt{-\delta} + i\omega$. The curve $(h_{\text{crit}}(s), j_{\text{crit}}(s))$ does not intersect the origin, instead the origin is now an isolated critical point. The curve is above the origin for $D > 0$ and below for $D < 0$, e.g. the point with $s = 0$ is at $(h, j) = (-\delta^2/8/D, 0)$.

Only tangencies that occur with the part of the hyperbola in the positive quadrant give critical values of the energy-momentum map since Γ_2 and Γ_3 are both non-negative. The double roots $d(s)$ near $s = 0$ occurs at

$$d(s) = -\frac{\delta}{2D} - O(s). \quad (15)$$

Near the intersection at the origin around $s = \pm\delta$ the double root is

$$d(s) = \frac{\sqrt{\delta}}{D}(\pm s - \sqrt{\delta}) + O((\pm s - \sqrt{\delta})^2) \quad (16)$$

If $D > 0$ this implies that the smooth curve for $\delta < 0$ is in the (boundary of the) image of the energy-momentum map, while the part of the curve with $s \in (-\sqrt{\delta}, \sqrt{\delta})$ is *not* in the image for $\delta > 0$. Conversely for $D < 0$ the smooth curve for $\delta < 0$ is not in the image, while for $\delta > 0$ only the triangular part with $s \in [-\sqrt{\delta}, \sqrt{\delta}]$ is in the image. Therefore the union of the bifurcation diagram (i.e. the set of critical values of the energy-momentum map) for $+D$ and $-D$ gives the discriminant of the polynomial Q_3 .

The type of the preimage of the critical values is determined by the character of the intersection $M_{h,j}$. The positive half of the hyperboloid G projects onto the area above the hyperbola given by $j^2 \leq 4\Gamma_2\Gamma_3$. If the parabola (11) touches the boundary of the area from the outside, the preimage in the full phase space is a circle, hence a stable periodic orbit. If the parabola touches from the inside, the preimage is a circle with a separatrix, hence an unstable periodic orbit. This can only occur when $D < 0$, because then the parabola is open upwards. It only occurs when $\delta > 0$ for s between the two singular values enclosing zero. In all other cases the parabola touches from the outside. The complete bifurcation scenario in the two cases therefore is as follows, see Figure 2 for illustration.

The case $D > 0$: For $\delta < 0$ there is an isolated focus-focus point at the origin and a smooth curve of elliptic periodic orbits nearby. For $\delta > 0$ there is an elliptic equilibrium point and there are two families of elliptic periodic orbits (non-linear normal modes) emanating from the equilibrium.

The case $D < 0$: For $\delta < 0$ there is nothing but an isolated focus-focus point. For $\delta > 0$ there is an elliptic equilibrium point and there are two families of elliptic periodic orbits (non-linear normal modes) emanating from the equilibrium. Both families terminate in a cusp formed with the same family of hyperbolic periodic orbits. The set of critical values therefore forms a triangle with two cuspidal corners and one regular corner at the origin.

4 Actions

From now on we shall assume the parameter D to be a positive number. In this case each constant energy level is compact and by the Liouville-Arnold theorem it is possible to define action-angle coordinates near regular points of F . To construct the second action we need to integrate a 1-form Θ over $M_{J,h}$, where the differential $d\Theta$ coincide with a symplectic structure induced by the quotient map $\pi_{h,j} : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow F^{-1}(h, j)/S^1$ from the original phase space, i.e. $d\Theta = (\pi_{h,j}^{-1})^*\Omega|_{TM_{h,j}}$. To find the form Θ we chose Γ_3 as one

variable and find its conjugate variable by solving the equation

$$\{f(\Gamma_2, \Gamma_3, \Gamma_4), \Gamma_3\} = 1. \quad (17)$$

A solution of (17) is the function

$$f(\Gamma_2, \Gamma_3, \Gamma_4) = \frac{\Gamma_4}{2\Gamma_3}. \quad (18)$$

Then the canonical one form is $\Theta = \frac{\Gamma_4}{2\Gamma_3}d\Gamma_3$ and we obtain

$$J_2(h, j) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_{M_{h,j}} \frac{\Gamma_4 d\Gamma_3}{2\Gamma_3} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_{M_{h,j}} \frac{\sqrt{4\Gamma_2\Gamma_3 - j^2}}{2\Gamma_3} d\Gamma_3 \quad (19)$$

for the second action. Here Γ_4 is considered as a function of Γ_3 by first expressing Γ_4 in terms of Γ_2 and Γ_3 on the reduced phase space P_j and then by expressing Γ_2 in terms of Γ_3 using $H_j = h$. As a result the polynomial Q_3 is found as already given by (12). The action integral hence is defined on the elliptic curve

$$\mathcal{E} = \{(w, z) : w^2 = Q_3(z)\}. \quad (20)$$

Recall that $w = \Gamma_4$ on P_j . Now the action integral can be written as

$$J_2 = \frac{1}{4\pi} \oint \frac{w}{z} dz. \quad (21)$$

It is an integral of the third kind with a pole at $z = 0$ and residue $\pm ij/4\pi$.

The formula for the action can also be obtained in a classical way, using polar coordinates as in [18]. A slightly different coordinate transformation illucidates the connection between the two approaches. The new symplectic structure is $\Omega = dP_g \wedge dg + dJ \wedge d\phi$ and ‘‘symplectic polar coordinates’’ valid for $q_1^2 + q_2^2 > 0$ are introduced by

$$q_1 = \sqrt{2g} \cos \varphi, \quad p_1 = P_g \sqrt{2g} \cos \varphi - J \frac{\sin \varphi}{\sqrt{2g}}, \quad (22)$$

$$q_2 = \sqrt{2g} \sin \varphi, \quad p_2 = P_g \sqrt{2g} \sin \varphi + J \frac{\cos \varphi}{\sqrt{2g}}. \quad (23)$$

The invariant polynomials are related to these coordinates by

$$\Gamma_1 = J, \quad \Gamma_2 = gP_g^2 + \frac{J^2}{4g}, \quad \Gamma_3 = g, \quad \Gamma_4 = 2gP_g. \quad (24)$$

In these variables the Hamiltonian takes the form

$$H = gP_g^2 + \frac{J^2}{4g} + \omega J + (\delta + 2BJ)g + CJ^2 + 2Dg^2, \quad (25)$$

and the equations of motion are

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\varphi} &= \frac{J}{2g} + \omega + 2Bg + 2CJ, \\ \dot{g} &= 2gP_g, \\ \dot{P}_g &= P_g^2 - \frac{J^2}{4g^2} + (\delta + 2BJ) + 4Dg. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Solving the Hamiltonian (25) for P_g^2 gives

$$P_g^2 = \frac{Q_3(g)}{4g^2} \quad (27)$$

so that the action integral (19) is obtained from integrating the canonical form $P_g dg$ over a path with constant ϕ .

5 Rotation Number

We want to check the isoenergetic non-degeneracy condition of the KAM theorem. A torus is non-degenerate in this sense if the map from the actions restricted to a constant energy surface $H = h$ to the frequency ratios $\omega_1 : \omega_2$ is non-degenerate. This means that the frequency ratio (or rotation number) $W = \omega_1/\omega_2$ changes when the torus is changed at constant energy. On a local transversal Poincaré section this condition is called twist condition.

In our case this is equivalent to the non-vanishing of the partial derivative of the rotation number W with respect to the action J_1 . By definition the winding number is the ratio of frequencies ω_1, ω_2 , corresponding to the actions J_1 and J_2 . If the Hamiltonian is expressed in terms of $J = J_1$ and J_2 then $\partial_1 H(J_1, J_2) = \omega_1$ and $\partial_2 H(J_1, J_2) = \omega_2$. Therefore we find by implicit differentiation of $J_2(h, j) = j_2$ that

$$W = \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2} = -\frac{\partial J_2}{\partial j}. \quad (28)$$

However, the simplest way to obtain W is to observe that it is the advance of the angle ϕ conjugate to J during the time of a full period of the motion of $g = \Gamma_3$. The period of the motion is obtained from the reduced equation of motion $\dot{\Gamma}_3 = -\Gamma_4$. On P_j this gives

$$\dot{\Gamma}_3^2 = 4\Gamma_2\Gamma_3 - j^2 \quad (29)$$

and eliminating Γ_2 by using $H_j = h$ gives

$$\left(\frac{d\Gamma_3}{dt}\right)^2 = 4\Gamma_3\Gamma_2(\Gamma_3; h, j) - j^2. \quad (30)$$

By separation of variables we obtain the period of the reduced motion as

$$T(h, j) = \oint \frac{d\Gamma_3}{\sqrt{4\Gamma_3\Gamma_2 - j^2}} = \oint \frac{dz}{w}. \quad (31)$$

To obtain the advance of ϕ in time T we change the time t in (26) to “time” Γ_3 and find

$$\frac{d\phi}{d\Gamma_3} = \frac{j + 2\Gamma_3(\omega + 2Cj) + B(2\Gamma_3)^2}{2\Gamma_3\Gamma_4} \quad (32)$$

Expressing Γ_4 in terms of Γ_3 on the reduced phase space P_j as before the period of the solution of this equation gives the rotation number $2\pi W$. The rotation number W can therefore be written as a linear combination of integrals of the first, second and third kind,

$$2\pi W(h, j) = (\omega + 2Cj) \oint \frac{dz}{w} + 2B \oint \frac{z dz}{w} + \frac{j}{2} \oint \frac{dz}{zw}. \quad (33)$$

The first integral is of the first kind and proportional to the period T . The last integral is of the third kind and proportional to the action J_2 . When $D > 0$ the polynomial Q_3 has three real roots, which we denote by $z_{\text{neg}}, z_{\text{min}}, z_{\text{max}}$, such that $z_{\text{neg}} \leq 0 \leq z_{\text{min}} \leq z_{\text{max}}$. The closed loop integrals encircle the finite range of positive Q_3 , and therefore can be rewritten by the rule

$$\oint = 2 \int_{z_{\text{min}}}^{z_{\text{max}}} . \quad (34)$$

The elliptic integrals can be transformed to Legendre standard integrals $K(k)$, $E(k)$, and $\Pi(k)$ of the first, second, and third kind, respectively, with modulus k and characteristic (or parameter) n given by

$$k^2 = \frac{z_{\text{max}} - z_{\text{min}}}{z_{\text{max}} - z_{\text{neg}}}, \quad n = \frac{z_{\text{max}} - z_{\text{min}}}{z_{\text{max}}}. \quad (35)$$

The result is

$$W(j, h) = \frac{(2Bz_{\text{neg}} + \omega + 2Cj)K(k) + 2B(z_{\text{max}} - z_{\text{neg}})E(k) + j\Pi(n, k)/(2z_{\text{max}})}{\pi\sqrt{2D}\sqrt{z_{\text{max}} - z_{\text{neg}}}}. \quad (36)$$

Explicit formulas for the vanishing of the twist $\partial W/\partial j$ can be derived from this.

The rotation number is a complicated function of the constants of motion (h, j) . The level lines of this function are shown in Fig. 3 and 4. Near the cases where the discriminant of the elliptic curve E defined by Q_3 in (20) vanishes, simpler formulas can be derived. This occurs either at the boundary of the image of the energy-momentum map described by (13), or at the isolated focus-focus point $(h, j) = (0, 0)$ inside the image. In the next section we will treat the latter case.

6 Rotation Number near the Focus-Focus Point

We introduce a small parameter by scaling h and j by epsilon, hence replace $h \rightarrow h\varepsilon$, $j \rightarrow j\varepsilon$. This means that we obtain an expansion that approaches the origin on a ray. Alternatively one can view ε as a formal expansion parameter that keeps track of the fact that both, h and j are small and of the same order. The focus point only exists for $\delta < 0$, which we henceforth assume. At the origin Q_3 reduces to

$$Q_3(z; h = 0, j = 0) = -4z^2(2Dz + \delta), \quad (37)$$

so that z_{min} and z_{neg} collide at 0 and $z_{\text{max}} = -\delta/2D$. The roots can be expanded in power series in ε , and the result is

$$\begin{aligned} 2z_{\text{neg}} &= -\frac{l + \rho}{\alpha}\varepsilon + O(\varepsilon^2), \\ 2z_{\text{min}} &= -\frac{l - \rho}{\alpha}\varepsilon + O(\varepsilon^2), \\ 2z_{\text{max}} &= \frac{\alpha^2}{D} + 2\frac{Dl - jB\alpha}{D\alpha}\varepsilon + O(\varepsilon^2). \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

Here and in the following we use the abbreviations

$$l = \frac{h - \omega j}{\alpha}, \quad \rho^2 = l^2 + j^2, \quad f = \frac{D}{\alpha^3}, \quad \alpha = \sqrt{-\delta}. \quad (39)$$

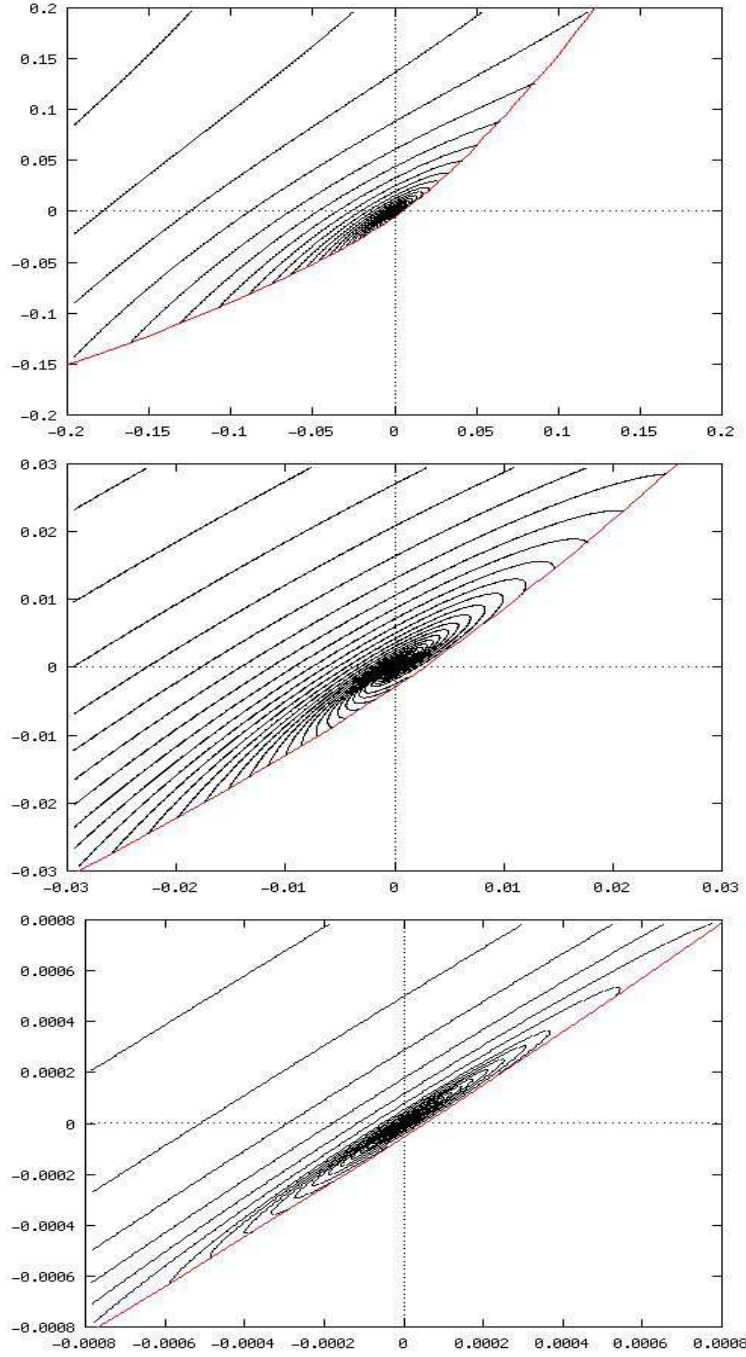


Figure 3: The level lines of the rotation number on the (j, h) plane. The bifurcation parameter δ is decreasing from top to bottom, $\delta = -0.2, -0.15, -0.02$ ($\omega = B = C = -D = 1$). The level lines are spirals. The boundary of the image of the energy momentum map given by a family of relative equilibria is also shown.

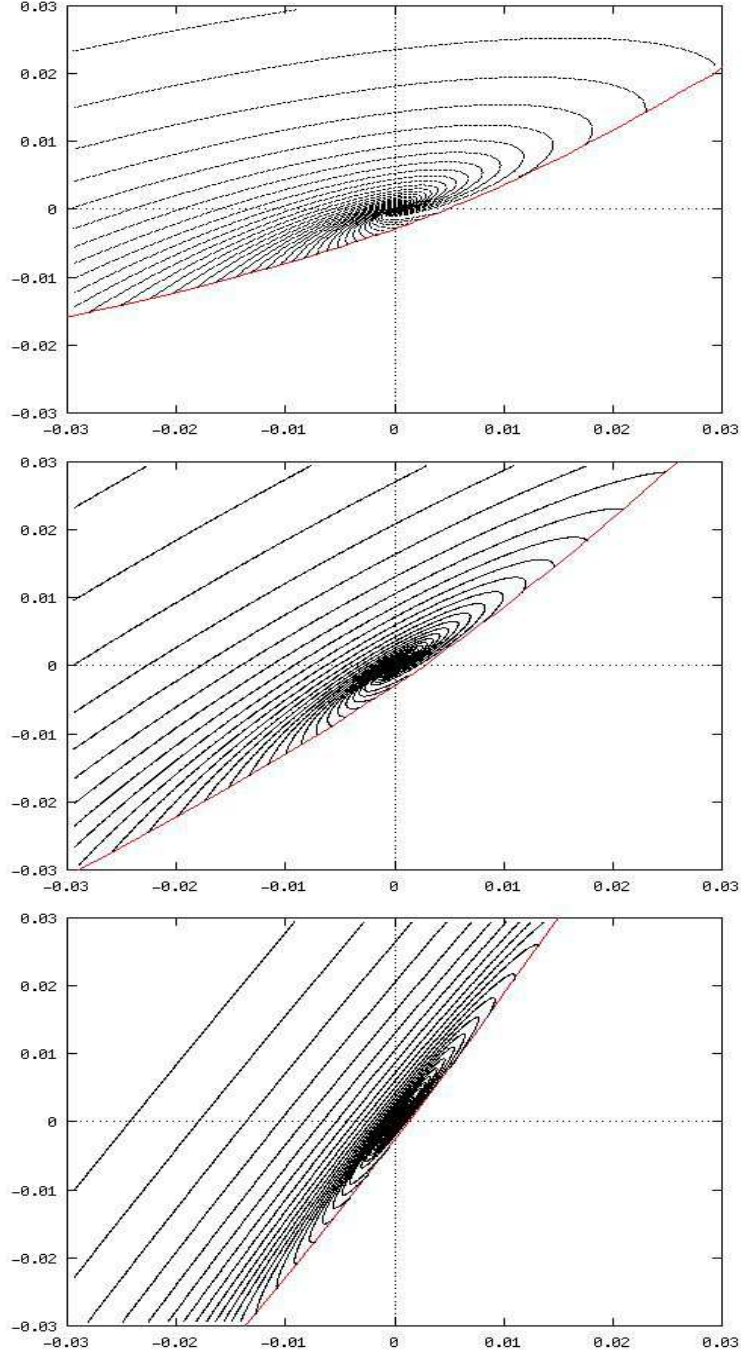


Figure 4: The level lines of the rotation number on the (j, h) plane. Here the imaginary part of the eigenvalue ω is changed, from top to bottom $\omega = 1/2, 1, 2$ ($\delta = -0.15, B = C = -D = 1$).

The expressions are only real in the case $\delta < 0$, otherwise the focus-focus point does not exist. Inserting this into (35) gives

$$\begin{aligned} k^2 &= 1 - 2f\rho\varepsilon + O(\varepsilon^2), \\ n &= 1 + f(l - \rho)\varepsilon + O(\varepsilon^2). \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

For small ε both, k and n are close to 1 and they satisfy the inequality

$$k^2 \leq n \leq 1. \tag{41}$$

In the limit $k \rightarrow 1$ the elliptic integrals are singular, but there are expansions that include the logarithmically diverging terms. The details of this expansion can be found in the appendix. The result for the rotation number is

$$2\pi W(h, j) = -\frac{\omega}{\alpha} \ln \rho - \tan^{-1} \frac{j}{l} + O(1). \tag{42}$$

Keeping terms only up to order 1 is enough because when the twist condition $\partial W/\partial j$ is calculated the present terms both give singular contributions, the constant term disappears and the first order term in ε is very small compared to the singular terms. Note that W is not a single valued function. The fact that $\tan^{-1}(j/l)/2\pi$ changes by one when the origin is encircled is an expression of the monodromy of this focus-focus point, see [7]. The expression given by the elliptic integrals, see the appendix, gives a continuous function which is, however, not differentiable when $j = 0$.

The level lines of W are spirals, which are easily parametrized in polar coordinates with the radius ρ as parameter. Instead of viewing these spirals as the level lines of W where W is a many-valued function, it might be easier to see them as the integral curves of a flow in the plane that has an equilibrium point at $h = j = 0$. The linear approximation to this flow is best written in complex notation $z = l + ij$ so that $\dot{z} = \lambda z$ where $\lambda = \alpha + i\omega$. Therefore we may formulate the result like this: *The level lines of W are the integral curves of a planar node with the same eigenvalue as the focus-focus point.*

Calculating the leading order condition for the vanishing of twist is easily done by differentiating the first two terms of the expansion with respect to j . The result is that

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial j} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad h(\omega^2 - \alpha^2) = j\omega(\omega^2 + \alpha^2). \tag{43}$$

This means that the twist vanishes on a line that has a tangent whose slope at the focus point can be read of from the above expression as

$$\frac{h}{j} = \omega \frac{\omega^2 + \alpha^2}{\omega^2 - \alpha^2}. \tag{44}$$

In particular this slope only depends on the eigenvalue of the focus-focus point. Approaching the bifurcation point $\alpha \rightarrow 0$, and hence the slope approaches ω , see Fig. 3 and 4.

7 Vanishing Twist of Periodic Orbits

Now we consider the vanishing of the twist for the relative equilibria $(h_{\text{crit}}(s), j_{\text{crit}}(s))$ in the boundary of the image of the energy-momentum map. First we rescale the parameters, in order to keep the formulas manageable:

$$B = \frac{Db}{\omega}, \quad C = \frac{Dc}{\omega^2}, \quad \mu = \frac{\delta}{\omega^2}, \quad j = \frac{\hat{j}\omega^3}{D}, \quad h = \frac{\hat{h}\omega^4}{D}, \quad z = \frac{\zeta\omega^2}{D}. \tag{45}$$

Note that when $\delta < 0$, which is the case we are interested here, we have $\mu = -\alpha^2/\omega^2$. In terms of the new parameters the polynomial $Q(z)$ becomes

$$Q(z) = \frac{\omega^6}{D^3} \hat{Q}(\zeta), \quad \hat{Q}(\zeta) = -(\zeta^3 + (\mu + 2b\hat{j})\zeta^2 + 2(\hat{j} + c\hat{j}^2 - \hat{h})\zeta + \hat{j}^2), \quad (46)$$

and the derivative $\partial W/\partial j$ is

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial j}(j, h) = \frac{D}{4\pi\omega^3} \left(\oint \frac{(1 + 2c\zeta)d\zeta}{\zeta \hat{Q}^{1/2}(\zeta)} + \oint \frac{(b\zeta^2 + (1 + 2c\hat{j})\zeta + \hat{j})^2 d\zeta}{\zeta \hat{Q}^{3/2}(\zeta)} \right). \quad (47)$$

The parametrisation of the critical values has already been obtained in (13). After the scaling it reads

$$\hat{d}(s) = \frac{\mu - s^2}{2(bs + 1)}, \quad \hat{j}_{\text{crit}}(s) = s\hat{d}(s), \quad \hat{h}_{\text{crit}} = \omega \hat{j}_{\text{crit}}(s) + c\hat{j}_{\text{crit}}^2(s) + 2\hat{d}(s)^2 + 2s\hat{j}_{\text{crit}}(s). \quad (48)$$

On the curve $(\hat{j}_{\text{crit}}(s), \hat{h}_{\text{crit}}(s))$ the integrals on the right hand side of (47) can be computed by the method of residues. Replacing \hat{j} and \hat{h} wherever they appear by their critical values parametrised by s gives a condition for the vanishing of the twist on the curve of critical values. It implies the following polynomial equation

$$R_9(s) = \sum_{k=0}^9 a_k s^k = 0, \quad (49)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= -12\mu - 4(4 + b)\mu^2 - (3b^2 - 16c)\mu^3, \\ a_1 &= -24(5 + b)\mu - 4(b + b^2 - 6c)\mu^2 + 4bc\mu^3, \\ a_2 &= -84 - 12(1 + 14b + b^2)\mu + 3(15b^2 - 8c + 8bc)\mu^2 - 12c^2\mu^2, \\ a_3 &= 4(30 - 66b) + 16(b + b^2 + 9c)\mu + (24b^3 - 52bc)\mu^2, \\ a_4 &= 12(5 + 25b - 23b^2) + (64b^3 - 29b^2 + 192c + 336bc)\mu - 4c(16b^2 + 15c)\mu^2, \\ a_5 &= -12(8b^3 - 31b^2 - 7b + 14c) - 12b(12b^2 - 29c - 16bc)\mu - 96bc^2\mu^2, \\ a_6 &= 320b^3 + 83b^2 - 312c - 360bc - (96b^4 - 64b^2c - 156c^2)\mu, \\ a_7 &= 4b(32b^3 + 38b^2 - 171c - 48bc) - 64bc(2b^2 - 3c)\mu, \\ a_8 &= 12(8b^4 - 32b^2c - 7c^2), \\ a_9 &= -96bc^2. \end{aligned} \quad (50)$$

The first two coefficients a_0 and a_1 are of the first order in μ , while a_2 is non-zero for small μ . Therefore the roots of R_9 can be expanded in powers of $|\mu|^{1/2} = \alpha/\omega$, and for small $|\mu|$ there are only two roots in a $|\mu|^{1/2}$ neighborhood of the origin. The result is

$$s_{\pm} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{-\mu}{7}} + \frac{4}{7}(10 - b)\mu + O(|\mu|^{3/2}). \quad (51)$$

The critical values of the twistless periodic orbit are then given by

$$\hat{j}_{\pm} = \pm \frac{4}{7} \sqrt{\frac{-\mu^3}{7}} + \frac{8}{7^3} (25 - 6b)\mu^2 + O(|\delta|^{5/2}), \quad (52)$$

$$\hat{h}_{\pm} = \pm \frac{4}{7} \sqrt{\frac{-\mu^3}{7}} + \frac{8}{7^3} (43/2 - 6b)\mu^2 + O(|\delta|^{5/2}). \quad (53)$$

This gives two points in each of the Figures 3 and 4, at which the curve of vanishing twist emanating from the origin crosses the boundary of the image of the energy-momentum map. The value of the rotation number at these points is

$$\sqrt{5}W_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{7}{-\mu}} \pm \frac{1}{7}(5 - 2b) + O(|\mu|^{1/2}). \quad (54)$$

We have now treated both limiting cases, that near the focus-focus point, and that near the elliptic relative equilibria. The curve of vanishing twist for all values in between can in principle be computed from the derivative of (36), and will connect the results from the two limiting cases for small values of δ .

A Expansion of W

We need to expand the Legendre standard integrals K , E , and Π in the limit $k \rightarrow 1$. For the expansion of the integral of the third kind it is important to take the inequality $k^2 \leq n \leq 1$ (41) into account. In this limit the following formulas can e.g. be found in [1]:

$$\Pi(n, k) = K(k) + \frac{1}{2}\pi\mathcal{R}(1 - \Lambda_0(\theta, k)), \quad (55)$$

$$\mathcal{R} = \left(\frac{n}{(1-n)(n-k^2)} \right)^{1/2} = \left(\frac{(z_{\text{neg}} - z_{\text{max}})z_{\text{max}}}{z_{\text{neg}}z_{\text{min}}} \right)^{1/2}. \quad (56)$$

Here Λ_0 is Heumann's Lambda function, which can be expressed in terms of incomplete elliptic integrals $F(\theta, k)$ and $E(\theta, k)$ of the first and the second kind, respectively, as

$$\Lambda_0(\theta, k) = \frac{2}{\pi} (K(k)E(\theta, k') - (K(k) - E(k))F(\theta, k')), \quad (57)$$

$$\theta = \arcsin \sqrt{\frac{1-n}{1-k^2}} = \arcsin \sqrt{\frac{z_{\text{min}}(z_{\text{max}} - z_{\text{neg}})}{z_{\text{max}}(z_{\text{min}} - z_{\text{neg}})}}. \quad (58)$$

Note that the complementary modulus $k' = \sqrt{1-k^2}$ and the parameter satisfy

$$k'^2 = 1 - k^2 = O(\varepsilon), \quad 1 - n = O(\varepsilon),$$

see (40). Accordingly k'^2 and $1 - n$ are of order ε , while θ is not small but of order 1. The prefactor \mathcal{R} in (55) cancels with the prefactor of Π in (36), up to a factor of $1/2$. Therefore we find the (still exact) formula

$$W = c_1K + c_2E + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \Lambda_0(\theta, k)) \quad (59)$$

where with $\sqrt{z_{\text{max}} - z_{\text{neg}}} = \alpha/\sqrt{2D} + O(\varepsilon)$ it follows

$$\pi c_1 = \frac{\omega + 2Bz_{\text{neg}} + 2Cj + j/(2z_{\text{max}})}{\sqrt{2D}\sqrt{z_{\text{max}} - z_{\text{neg}}}} = \frac{\omega}{\alpha} + O(\varepsilon), \quad (60)$$

$$\pi c_2 = \frac{2B\sqrt{z_{\text{max}} - z_{\text{neg}}}}{\sqrt{2D}} = \frac{B\alpha}{D} + O(\varepsilon). \quad (61)$$

The elliptic integrals in the limit $k' \rightarrow 0$ have a logarithmic divergence of leading order

$$\Lambda = \log \frac{4}{k'}. \quad (62)$$

The convergent expansions in this limit are

$$K(k) = \Lambda + \frac{\Lambda - 1}{4} k'^2 + O(\Lambda k'^4), \quad (63)$$

$$E(k) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\Lambda - \frac{1}{2} \right) k'^2 + O(\Lambda k'^4), \quad (64)$$

The incomplete elliptic integrals of modulus k' have regular expansions since $k' \rightarrow 0$, so that

$$F(\theta, k') - E(\theta, k') = \int_0^\theta \frac{k'^2 \sin^2 \varphi d\varphi}{\sqrt{1 - k'^2 \sin^2 \varphi}} = \left(\frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{\sin 2\theta}{4} \right) k'^2 + O(k'^4), \quad (65)$$

$$F(\theta, k') = \int_0^\theta \frac{d\varphi}{\sqrt{1 - k'^2 \sin^2 \varphi}} = \theta + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\theta}{2} - \frac{\sin 2\theta}{4} \right) k'^2 + O(k'^4). \quad (66)$$

For the Heumann Lambda function this gives

$$\Lambda_0(\theta, k) = \frac{2}{\pi} \left(\theta + \frac{1}{4} \left(\Lambda - \frac{1}{2} \right) \sin(2\theta) k'^2 + O(\Lambda k'^4) \right). \quad (67)$$

The leading order terms in the expansion of (36) come from the diverging K . Since $E \rightarrow 1$ for $k \rightarrow 1$ there is only a constant contribution from c_2 . From Λ_0 the leading term is merely θ , so that all together

$$\pi W = \frac{\omega}{\alpha} \Lambda + \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta + \frac{B\alpha}{D} + O(\varepsilon) \quad (68)$$

It remains to understand the parameter dependence of θ . Expanding θ gives

$$2\theta \approx 2 \arcsin \sqrt{\frac{\rho - l}{2\rho}} + O(\varepsilon). \quad (69)$$

This can be simplified using the relation

$$2 \arcsin \beta = \arctan \gamma \quad \Rightarrow \quad \gamma = 2 \frac{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2} \beta}{1 - 2\beta^2}. \quad (70)$$

Inserting $\beta^2 = (\rho - l)/(2\rho)$ and using $\rho^2 = l^2 + j^2$ gives $\gamma = j/l$, so that (42) is proved. Note that when $j = 0$ we have $\rho = l$ and the root z_{\min} collides with the pole at $z = 0$ in the third kind integral. This is the place where the dependence on the parameters of $\Pi(n, k)$ is continuous, but not smooth.

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