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## Preface

In these notes we apply modern methods of classical mechanics to the study of physical systems with symmetries, including, exact or approximate  $\mathbf{S}^1 = \text{SO}(2)$  (continuous) symmetries and discrete symmetries. In all cases the existence of a symmetry has profound implications for the dynamical behavior of such systems and for their basic qualitative properties. We are particularly interested in the following qualitative properties

- ▷ The existence and stability of relative equilibria, i.e. orbits of the system that are also group orbits of the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action.
- ▷ The behavior of periodic orbits near equilibria when the latter change stability, in particular, the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation.
- ▷ The topological properties of the foliation of the phase space by invariant tori in the case of completely integrable systems, in particular, monodromy.

Moreover, we are interested in how these basic qualitative features change as the parameters of these systems change, for example, we are interested in the bifurcations of periodic orbits or in the bifurcations of the topology of the integrable foliation of the phase space. I use the term ‘*metamorphosis*’ in order to describe the *ensemble* of all such qualitative bifurcations that happen at certain values of the parameters and which affect the global qualitative picture of the dynamics<sup>1</sup>.

We study four systems: the triply degenerate vibrational mode of tetrahedral molecules, the hydrogen atom in crossed electric and magnetic fields, a ‘spherical pendulum’ model of floppy molecules like LiCN and finally the 1: – 2 resonance which can serve as a local approximation of the dynamics near a resonant equilibrium.

As we go through these systems one by one, we see a number of important qualitative phenomena unfolding. In the triply degenerate vibrational mode of tetrahedral molecules we use the action of the tetrahedral group in order to

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<sup>1</sup> The first word I thought of in order to describe this notion was the Russian ‘perestroika’. I chose ‘metamorphosis’ after reading the preface of [10].

find the relative equilibria of the system and then we combine this study with Morse theory in the spirit of Smale [115, 116]. One of the families of relative equilibria in this system goes through a linear Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation that is degenerate at the approximation used.

Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcations are studied in detail in the next two systems: the hydrogen atom in crossed fields and the family of spherical pendula. The main difference between the two systems with regards to the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation is that in the hydrogen atom the frequencies of the equilibrium that goes through the bifurcation collide on the imaginary axis and then move to the complex plane. On the other hand, in the family of spherical pendula we have a discrete (time-reversal) symmetry that forces the two frequencies of the equilibrium to be identical. In these two systems we study also the relation between the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcations and the appearance of monodromy in the integrable foliation.

Ordinary monodromy can not be defined in the  $1: -2$  resonance. A generalized notion of monodromy, which can be defined in the  $1: -2$  resonance, was introduced in [99]. We describe this generalization, called *fractional monodromy*, in terms of period lattices and we sketch a proof.

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<sup>2</sup> Parts of chapters 2 and 3 have appeared before in the papers [46] and [44] respectively.

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## Introduction

V. I. Arnol'd writes in [11] that

*The two hundred year interval from the brilliant discoveries of Huygens and Newton to the geometrization of mathematics by Riemann and Poincaré seems a mathematical desert, filled only by calculations.*

Although I do not agree with this aphorism, I should say that Arnol'd has managed to point out in a provocative manner the significance of Poincaré's contribution to modern mathematics. In 1899, Poincaré published the third volume of *Les méthodes nouvelles de la mécanique céleste* [107] where he introduced qualitative methods to the study of problems in classical mechanics and dynamics in general. Poincaré's view of a dynamical system is that of a vector field whose integral curves are tangent to the given vector at each point. He is not interested in the exact solutions of the dynamical equations, which in any case can not be obtained except for a few systems, but in uncovering basic qualitative features, such as the asymptotic behavior of orbits.

Poincaré's contribution to classical mechanics revolutionized the field. Nevertheless, its impact on the physics community, which would soon go through a different revolution itself, was minimal. In the 1920's quantum mechanics, through the work of Bohr, Schrödinger, Heisenberg, Dirac and many others became the predominant theory for explaining nature. The role of classical mechanics was reduced to that of an introduction to 'real physics' and the field was not considered by physicists to have any scientific interest by itself. H. Goldstein writes characteristically in the preface of the 1950 edition<sup>3</sup> of [58], trying to justify the necessity of a course in classical mechanics

*Classical mechanics remains an indispensable part of the physicist's education. It has a twofold role in preparing the student for the study of modern physics. . .*

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<sup>3</sup> But note that in the preface of the second edition in 1980 the attitude is completely different.

The effect of Poincaré's contribution was much more apparent in the mathematics community, whose attitude toward classical mechanics was completely different. In a sense, this is justified. When a physical problem is stated in a mathematically precise form, it becomes a problem in mathematics. The time period between Poincaré and the mid-1970's is marked by mathematicians like Lyapunov, Birkhoff, Smale, Arnol'd, Moser and Nekhoroshev who follow Poincaré's lead in using qualitative methods to tackle difficult questions in dynamical systems theory. They obtain new significant results, like Birkhoff's twist theorem [16], the celebrated KAM theorem [9, 94] and Nekhoroshev's stability estimates [97].

The symplectic formulation of classical mechanics was developed by the mid-60's by many mathematicians among which we mention Ehresmann, Souriau, Lichnerowicz and Reeb. According to the symplectic formulation, a Hamiltonian system is given by a function  $H$  defined on a manifold  $M$  with a closed non-degenerate two-form  $\omega$ . This formulation is later popularized in [1, 10, 119].

Two major advances brought classical mechanics back into the physics mainstream. The first of them is the rediscovery in the mid-1960's of deterministic chaos in both conservative [70] and dissipative [77] systems through numerical experiments. Even then, more than a decade passed before physicists took notice and finally in the 1980's there was an explosion in the study of nonlinear dynamics and deterministic chaos. This exceedingly complex behavior of very simple systems fascinated physicists who saw its relevance to real world problems. The fact that a completely deterministic system can behave in an apparently random fashion—an idea taken almost for granted today—changed considerably our view of nature (and in some cases became the source of major philosophical confusion). Moreover the new theory under the more general guise of dynamical systems theory had many applications ranging from galaxies and dynamical astronomy to plasma containment and the stock exchange. One should not forget that classical mechanics is the physical theory that describes mesoscopic scales and therefore it can never become irrelevant.

The second advance happened in the understanding of the relation between the quantum and classical theories. One important postulate of quantum physics is the notion that in the limit  $\hbar \rightarrow 0$ , classical and quantum mechanics should give quantitatively the same results. But there is a stronger point of view, championed initially by Dirac, according to which the classical theory provides much more than something to which we should compare the results of quantum mechanics. Classical mechanics provides a framework for understanding the new mechanics. In this tradition, physicists tried to clarify how the quantum theory is obtained from classical mechanics.

The original Bohr-Sommerfeld quantization condition is generalized by Einstein, Brillouin and Keller (EBK) to integrable systems with two or more degrees of freedom. Keller, Maslov, Leray, Hörmander, Colin de Verdière worked on the linear partial differential equations side of quantum mechanics.

In particular Maslov uncovered the topological meaning of the correction term that gives the energy levels of the quantum harmonic oscillator. In the 1970's Kostant and Souriau laid the foundations for geometric quantization [132].

The first semi-classical approximation to quantum mechanics is the WKB series method developed in the 1930's. In the 1970's Gutzwiller discovered his famous trace formula [64], that relates the behavior of a quantum system to its classical orbits. The importance of Gutzwiller's formula is that it applies to chaotic systems while the previous methods deal only with the quantization of integrable systems. This opened the field to a series of semi-classical methods that try to increase the understanding of a quantum system by looking at its underlying classical system.

Notice that the EBK and Gutzwiller methods are based on a thorough knowledge of the classical dynamics and this can often be obtained using the qualitative methods introduced by Poincaré in the 1890's.

In these notes we study concrete physical systems from a purely classical viewpoint using mathematical methods that have been developed in the last few decades. Specifically we study the triply degenerate vibrational mode of tetrahedral molecules, the hydrogen atom in crossed electric and magnetic fields, quadratic spherical pendula which model certain floppy molecules and oscillators in 1:−2 resonance which model the dynamics near resonant equilibria.

Our purpose is to analyze the dynamics of these physical systems in order to uncover their basic qualitative features. For this reason we do not insist on the details of each specific system. Instead we treat these physical systems as specific members of parametric families and consider the *metamorphoses* of the family as the parameters change.

We briefly describe here some notions and techniques that are central to our approach. All the systems discussed in this work have an or approximate  $\mathbf{S}^1$  symmetry. Approximate  $\mathbf{S}^1$  symmetries appear in the following context. In many cases, a Hamiltonian  $H$  is a perturbation of an integrable Hamiltonian  $H_0$ , i.e.  $H = H_0 + \epsilon H_1$  where  $H_0$  generates an  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action. This  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action is then an *approximate* symmetry of  $H$ . We turn this approximate symmetry of  $H$  into an *exact* symmetry using *normalization*, i.e. we make a formal near identity canonical transformation that transforms  $H$  to a new Hamiltonian  $\tilde{H}$  which if truncated at an appropriate order, Poisson commutes with  $H_0$ .

In order to make the near identity transformation we use the standard Lie series algorithm [36, 63]. There are three different types of normalization used in this work. The first is the standard oscillator normalization in which  $H_0 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (p_i^2 + q_i^2)$ . The second type is normalization in the Poisson algebra  $\mathfrak{so}(3) \times \mathfrak{so}(3)$  which appears in the study of the hydrogen atom in crossed fields. The third type is nilpotent normalization in the proof of the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcations in the hydrogen atom and the quadratic spherical pendula. I have refrained from giving the technical details of normalization algorithms. The interested reader may consult the papers already mentioned or [84]. A

discussion of other normalization algorithms and their relative merits can be found in [17].

When the Hamiltonian  $H$  has an exact symmetry (either originally or after normalization and truncation) we can *reduce*  $H$  to a Hamiltonian system with fewer degrees of freedom. In particular, when we have a Hamiltonian  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action we can reduce an  $N$  degree of freedom system to an  $N - 1$  degree of freedom system using the fact that the generator of the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action (i.e. the Hamiltonian whose orbits are the group orbits) is an integral of motion—a consequence of Noether’s theorem. We call the generator of the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action, the *momentum*. Reduction of continuous symmetries, goes at least back to Jacobi and the elimination of the node in the restricted three body problem. These ideas were formalized initially by Smale [115, 116] and later by Meyer [82] and Marsden and Weinstein [80]. The type of reduction introduced in these works is called *regular reduction* and is possible only when the group action is free and proper. A historical review of reduction and developments surrounding the last two papers can be found in [81]. The problem of regular reduction is that *regular is not natural*. In most cases the action of the group is not free and we have to do *singular reduction*. The first paper on singular reduction was [6]. Since then many works have appeared on singular reduction and applications of it to concrete problems. We mention indicatively [2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 13, 15, 25–29, 31, 33, 44, 62, 75, 101, 103, 106, 114, 117, 118, 122]. For details on different flavors of singular reduction and their relation, see [100, 102] and references therein.

In this work we do both regular and singular reduction using *algebraic invariant theory* [5, 29, 62] in order to construct explicitly the reduced dynamical systems. In the case of the linear  $\mathbf{S}^1$  actions on  $\mathbf{R}^{2n}$  that we discuss in this work, the algebra of  $\mathbf{S}^1$ -invariant polynomials is generated by a finite number of polynomials  $(\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)$  called the *Hilbert basis*. The *Hilbert map* is  $\pi : \mathbf{R}^{2n} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^k : x \mapsto (\pi_1(x), \dots, \pi_k(x))$ . According to a theorem by Schwarz [113] any smooth  $\mathbf{S}^1$ -invariant function on  $\mathbf{R}^{2n}$  factors through  $\pi$ . This means in particular that the  $\mathbf{S}^1$ -invariant Hamiltonian  $H$  that we want to reduce can be expressed as a function of  $\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k$ . The reduced space at the level  $j$  of the momentum is the image of  $J^{-1}(j)$  through  $\pi$  and it is always a semialgebraic variety in  $\mathbf{R}^k$ , i.e. a subset of  $\mathbf{R}^k$  that is defined only through polynomial equalities and inequalities. In order to define the dynamics on the reduced space we use the Poisson structure of the Hilbert basis. Jacobi’s identity gives that  $\{\pi_i, \pi_j\}$  is an  $\mathbf{S}^1$  invariant function, i.e. it factors through  $\pi$ . This means that we can define the dynamics on the reduced space by  $\dot{\pi}_i = \{\pi_i, H\} = \sum_{j=1}^k \{\pi_i, \pi_j\} \frac{\partial H}{\partial \pi_j}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . This gives the required reduced dynamical system. In the case of more general compact Lie groups the discussion has to be suitably modified, see [8, 29, 100].

As we mentioned, after reduction of the original  $\mathbf{S}^1$  invariant Hamiltonian  $H$  with respect to the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action we obtain a new Hamiltonian system  $\hat{H}$  with fewer degrees of freedom. The most basic objects of the reduced Hamiltonian system are its equilibria. Because we are reducing with respect to an  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action, these equilibria correspond to periodic orbits of  $H$  which are also  $\mathbf{S}^1$  group

orbits. These periodic orbits are called *relative equilibria*. In the case of more general compact Hamiltonian group actions, a relative equilibrium is any orbit of the flow of  $H$  that is contained in a group orbit.

In many cases reduction gives an one degree of freedom system. At this stage it is possible to use *singularity theory* in order to construct a *normal form*, with as few parameters as possible, that describes all the possible bifurcations of the system. One constructs a general model for the reduced system and then ‘matches’ the concrete system to this general model. Singularity theory has been used extensively in the study of dynamical systems, see for example [18–20, 59–61, 89]. Although we do not use singularity theory in this work, such an approach can, in principle, uncover important properties of the systems studied here and it is certainly worth pursuing such a direction in other studies. For more details and algorithms on the combination of reduction and singularity theory, see [17] and references therein.

When we have a two degree of freedom Hamiltonian system  $H$  with an exact  $\mathbf{S}^1$  symmetry we define the energy-momentum map  $\mathcal{EM}$  as the product map of the energy  $H$  and the momentum  $J$ , i.e. for  $p \in \mathbf{R}^4$ ,  $\mathcal{EM}(p) = (H(p), J(p))$ . According to the Liouville-Arnol’d theorem [10] if  $m \in \mathbf{R}^2$  is a regular value of  $\mathcal{EM}$ , then  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(m)$  is a smooth two dimensional torus  $\mathbf{T}^2$ , provided that it is compact. Moreover, there is a neighborhood  $U$  of  $m$  in which we can define action-angle variables  $(I, \theta)$  such that the dynamics are linear:  $\dot{I} = 0$ ,  $\dot{\theta} = \omega(I)$ .

An important question (related to the existence of global quantum numbers) is whether these local action-angle variables can be extended globally. This question has been studied originally by Nekhoroshev [96] and then by Duistermaat [38] who found all possible obstructions to the existence of global action-angle variables. The crudest topological obstruction found by Duistermaat and demonstrated in the spherical pendulum is the existence of non-trivial *monodromy*. A system has non-trivial monodromy if there is a closed path  $\Gamma$ , diffeomorphic to  $\mathbf{S}^1$ , in the set of regular values of  $\mathcal{EM}$  such that the  $\mathbf{T}^2$  bundle  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(\Gamma) \rightarrow \Gamma$  is non-trivial, i.e. it is *not* diffeomorphic to  $\mathbf{T}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^1$ . Another well known example with (non-trivial) monodromy is the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation [40, 122].

The Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation was first discovered in the  $\mathcal{L}_4$  Lagrange point of the planar restricted three body problem. It was studied analytically and numerically in a series of papers [21, 37, 104] and proved finally in [85]. Certainly, the most influential work on this type of bifurcation is [122] where it was studied in detail and a systematic method for proving its existence was given. When an equilibrium of a Hamiltonian system with two degrees of freedom is elliptic-elliptic, there exists a family of periodic orbits emanating from this point. In the standard Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation, the equilibrium becomes complex hyperbolic. Then two different things may happen to the attached family of periodic orbits. It either detaches from the equilibrium or it disappears completely. The two scenarios are called respectively *supercritical* and *subcritical* Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation.

We describe now in more detail the physical systems that we study in this work.

*Tetrahedral molecules.*

We study tetrahedral molecules of type  $X_4$ , e.g.  $P_4$ . The equilibrium configuration of such molecules is invariant with respect to the natural action of the tetrahedral group  $T_d$  on  $\mathbf{R}^3$ . An analysis of the vibrational linear normal modes of such molecules shows that they have (among others) a triply degenerate vibrational mode. This mode is described by a three degree of freedom Hamiltonian which is a perturbation of the 1:1:1 resonant harmonic oscillator and which is invariant with respect to  $T_d$  extended by the time reversal symmetry  $\mathcal{T}$ .

Instead of considering specific tetrahedral molecules we consider a three degree of freedom Hamiltonian family in which the potential is the most general  $T_d$  invariant polynomial up to terms of order 4, defined in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  with coordinates  $x, y, z$ . This Hamiltonian family depends on parameters that are not physically tunable because they depend on quantities like the atom masses that are fixed for each molecule. Nevertheless, we study the whole family in order to uncover all possible qualitatively different types of tetrahedral molecules and observe the metamorphoses that happen when the parameters change.

Models of this kind have been widely studied in molecular applications [69, 105]. They are 3-DOF analogues of the 2-DOF Hamiltonians that were used to describe the doubly degenerate vibrational modes of molecules whose equilibrium configuration has one or several threefold symmetry axes [109] like  $H_3^+$ ,  $P_4$ ,  $CH_4$  and  $SF_6$ . Such two degree of freedom systems with threefold symmetry are described by the 2-DOF Hénon-Heiles Hamiltonian [70]. Therefore, we can consider our Hamiltonian as a natural 3-DOF analogue of the latter. One should also draw attention to [48] where the vibrational and rotational modes of a tetrahedral molecule are studied together, and [47] where critical points of discrete subgroups of  $SO(3) \times \mathcal{T}$ , including  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$ , are classified in terms of their possible types of linear stability.

*The hydrogen atom in crossed fields.*

The second system is a perturbed Kepler system: the hydrogen atom in perpendicular electric and magnetic homogeneous fields. This and similar systems, have been studied extensively [32, 50, 55, 56, 111, 112] (see also [33] and references therein). In [33] it was proved that the system has *monodromy* for a range of the relative field strengths. The approach in [33] uses second normalization and reduction, in the spirit of [28, 123]. Our work is a continuation of [33]. Specifically, we prove the existence of two *Hamiltonian Hopf* bifurcations and we show in detail that the appearance of monodromy is related to these bifurcations.

It is known [40, 122] that the supercritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation is related to the existence of monodromy. We show here, how the *subcritical* Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation in our system is related to *non-local monodromy*.

The simplest example of a system with monodromy is an integrable two degree of freedom system with an isolated critical value  $c$  of  $\mathcal{EM}$ , in which we consider a closed path  $\Gamma$  in the set of regular values of  $\mathcal{EM}$  around  $c$ . In the first examples of monodromy, like the classical spherical pendulum,  $c$  lifts to a singly pinched torus and the bundle  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(\Gamma) \rightarrow \Gamma$  is a non-trivial  $\mathbf{T}^2$  bundle. Generalizations of this situation appeared over time. Thus, systems with more than one critical values or critical values that lift to doubly or more generally  $k$ -pinched tori [14] and systems with three degrees of freedom such as the Lagrange top [34] were studied. Non-local monodromy [126] that appears in the subcritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation generalizes even more such examples of systems with monodromy, in the sense that, we consider paths that go around a *curve segment* of singular values of the  $\mathcal{EM}$  map in a way that is explained in detail in §3.5 and §4.4. Nevertheless, notice that all these generalizations are within the context of Duistermaat’s original proposal to consider  $\mathbf{T}^2$  bundles over a closed path in the set of regular values of the  $\mathcal{EM}$ .

### *Floppy molecules.*

The third system that we study was introduced in [45] as a model of ‘floppy molecules’ like HCN or LiCN<sup>4</sup>. We model a floppy molecule with a point mass constrained to move on the surface of a sphere (§1.3). We call such systems *generalized* spherical pendula, when the whole system is placed inside an axisymmetric potential field  $V(z)$ . The classical spherical pendulum is a generalized spherical pendulum with the linear potential  $V(z) = z$ . We call this the *linear* spherical pendulum. A potential that describes well the basic qualitative features of floppy molecules is  $V(z) = \frac{1}{2}bz^2 + cz$  where  $b, c$  are parameters. The family of systems with the quadratic potential  $V(z)$  is called *quadratic* spherical pendula. It is a simple Hamiltonian family that brings together Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcations, standard monodromy and non-local monodromy.

In the family of quadratic spherical pendula the two equilibria at the ‘north’ and ‘south’ poles of the sphere can change linear stability type from degenerate elliptic (two identical imaginary frequencies) to degenerate hyperbolic (two identical real frequencies). This behavior of the frequencies is due to the combination of the rotational symmetry around the  $z$ -axis and the time-reversal symmetry of the system. This is a generalized kind of Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation [66], that we call *geometric Hamiltonian Hopf* bifurcation. It is qualitatively indistinguishable from the standard one in terms of the behavior of short period orbits near the equilibria although the linear behavior, i.e. the motion of the frequencies, is different.

The physical system (i.e. LiCN) corresponds to a single member of the family of quadratic spherical pendula. Instead of considering only this particular

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<sup>4</sup> The same family has been used recently as a model for diatomic molecules in combined electrostatic and pulsed non-resonant laser fields [3].

member we consider the whole family and study in detail its metamorphoses between different parameter regions.

*The 1: − 2 resonance system*

The fourth and final system that we study is an integrable perturbation of the 1: − 2 resonant oscillator. This is not a model of a specific physical system but it can describe the dynamics near resonant equilibria. We find that in the image of the energy-momentum map  $\mathcal{EM}$  there is a curve  $\mathcal{C}$  of critical values of  $\mathcal{EM}$  that we can not enclose with a path because it joins at one end the boundary of the image of  $\mathcal{EM}$ . Points on  $\mathcal{C}$  lift to singular curled tori in the phase space. Nevertheless, we can consider a path  $\Gamma$  that crosses  $\mathcal{C}$  and we prove that in this case it is possible to define another generalized type of monodromy that we call *fractional monodromy*. The concept of fractional monodromy is a radical departure from the original notion of monodromy in [38] since  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(\Gamma)$  is not a regular  $\mathbf{T}^2$  bundle over  $\Gamma$ .

Fractional monodromy was proposed by Zhilinskiĭ for the 1: − 2 resonance. It was proved geometrically by Nekhoroshev, Sadovskii and Zhilinskiĭ [98, 99] for the same system. In this work we give, an alternative and more ‘traditional’ analytic description of fractional monodromy using the notion of the period lattice, introduced in the study of monodromy by Duistermaat and Cushman. A complete proof along similar lines can be found in [43].



## Four Hamiltonian Systems

In this chapter we provide an extended summary of this work. We describe in detail the four physical systems that we study in the following chapters and for each one of them we give the appropriate classical Hamiltonian. Moreover, we discuss our approach and the methods that we use for each one of these Hamiltonian systems and we state as *objectives* our main results.

### 1.1 Small Vibrations of Tetrahedral Molecules

The first Hamiltonian system is a model of the triply degenerate vibrational mode of a four atomic molecule of type  $X_4$  with tetrahedral symmetry. This model has certain similarities with the two degree of freedom Hénon-Heiles Hamiltonian, that has been used in order to model the doubly degenerate vibrational mode. In this section we describe  $X_4$  molecules in general and then we concentrate on the doubly and triply degenerate vibrational modes.

#### 1.1.1 Description

Consider a molecule of type  $X_4$  which at equilibrium has the shape of a tetrahedron. The symmetry of the equilibrium configuration is given by the tetrahedral group  $T_d$  which we describe in detail in appendix A. Such a molecule rotates as a whole about its center of mass and its atoms vibrate around the equilibrium positions. We assume here that the vibrations of the atoms are small compared to the dimensions of the molecule. In order to make this point clear one can forget the molecule altogether and think of a system of point masses on the vertices of a tetrahedron that are connected by very stiff identical springs. All the standard approximations apply to our model (the springs do not have any mass, they do not bend etc.).

The most central notion in the study of small vibrations of a molecule is that of linear normal modes. The theory of small vibrations can be found in many introductory books on classical mechanics and so we will be brief.

Consider small vibrations of the atoms and describe the positions of all the atoms by a displacement vector  $x$  that has 12 components; 3 for each one of the 4 atoms. Then the linearized equations of motion for the small vibrations can be put into the form  $\ddot{x} = M \cdot x$  where  $M$  is a constant matrix. Diagonalization of  $M$  gives the eigenvalues  $0(\times 6)$ ,  $-4\omega^2(\times 1)$ ,  $-\omega^2(\times 2)$  and  $-2\omega^2(\times 3)$ . Here  $\omega^2 = k/m$  where  $k$  is the spring constant for the atom-atom bonds and  $m$  is the mass of the atoms.

The six 0 eigenvalues correspond to translational and rotational motions of the molecule. The eigenvalue  $-4\omega^2$  corresponds to a *breathing* motion. The linear space spanned by the corresponding eigenvector  $\rho_1$  realizes the one-dimensional representation  $A_1$  of  $T_d$ .

Of considerably more interest are the doublet and triplet of eigenvalues of  $M$ . The space spanned by the eigenvectors  $\rho_2, \rho_3$  corresponding to the pair of eigenvalues  $-\omega^2$  realizes the two-dimensional irreducible representation  $E$  of  $T_d$ . Notice here that we always choose the vectors  $\rho_2$  and  $\rho_3$  so that they are orthonormal, i.e. we use unitary representations. In an appropriate system of coordinates the image of  $T_d$  on the representation spanned by the  $E$  mode is  $D_3$  (the dihedral group of order 3 or the group of all symmetries of an equilateral triangle).

Finally, the eigenvectors of the triplet of eigenvalues  $-2\omega^2$  span a linear space that realizes the  $F_2$  irreducible representation of  $T_d$ .  $F_2$  is a vector representation and this means in particular that the action of  $T_d$  on this space is identical to the action of  $T_d$  on the physical 3-space. We use coordinates  $q_1, \dots, q_6$  to describe the 3 modes so the most general vibrational displacement can be expressed as a sum  $r = \sum_{j=1}^6 q_j \rho_j$ .

Separation of the rotating and vibrating motions is not trivial. One way to achieve this is by the method of Eckart frames which works very well in the case of small vibrations of a nonlinear molecule [78, 130]. The result of this method is a Hamiltonian of the form

$$H(q, p; j) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_j p_j^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\ell - \pi)^\dagger \mathcal{I}(q) (\ell - \pi) + U(q) \quad (1.1)$$

Here  $\ell$  is the total angular momentum of the molecule,  $\pi$  is a vibrationally induced angular momentum—its three components being expressions of  $(q, p)$ —and  $\mathcal{I}(q)$  is the inverse of the modified inertia matrix.

$U(q)$  is the potential energy of the molecule. As in our simple model we choose a harmonic two-center interaction between the atoms. Notice though that this does not mean that the potential is quadratic in  $q$ . Specifically, we have that

$$U = \frac{k}{2} \sum_{\alpha\beta} (|r_\alpha + R_\alpha - r_\beta - R_\beta| - |R_\alpha - R_\beta|)^2 \quad (1.2)$$

where  $R_\alpha$  is the position vector of the atom  $\alpha$  at the equilibrium tetrahedral configuration of the molecule,  $r_\alpha$  is the position vector of the atom  $\alpha$  at an arbitrary configuration of the atom (close to the equilibrium) and the sum

runs over pairs  $\alpha\beta$  of atoms.  $R_\alpha$  are constant vectors while the components of  $r_\alpha$  are linear expressions of  $q_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 6$ . It is clear that  $U(q)$  is not polynomial. In order to have a polynomial form for  $U$  we Taylor expand in terms of  $q$  and we truncate the resulting series at the desired order. This procedure introduces nonlinear terms in the potential and interaction terms between the different linear modes. The general form of these nonlinear terms can be predicted using symmetry arguments.

In the following sections we will consider each vibrational mode independently. This means that we ‘freeze’ the other modes by setting the respective coordinates equal to zero and study only one particular mode. Alternatively, we can normalize the complete six degree of freedom system which is the perturbation of a six-oscillator. This system is composed of two parts which are not in resonance between them. The first part corresponds to the  $F_2$  representation and represents a 3-oscillator in 1:1:1 resonance. The second part corresponds to the  $A \oplus E$  representation and represents a 3-oscillator in 1:1:2 resonance. Notice that in this way we can isolate the 3-mode  $F_2$  from the rest, but we can not do the same for the 2-mode  $E$  which is in resonance with the 1-mode  $A$ .

### 1.1.2 The 2-Mode

We discuss here the 2-mode as an example of the methods that we employ later for the study of the 3-mode. The image of  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  in the  $E$  representation spanned by the  $E$  mode coordinates  $q_2, q_3$  is the dihedral group  $D_3$  (the group of all symmetries of an equilateral triangle). Therefore, the Hamiltonian that describes the  $E$  mode must be a  $D_3$  invariant perturbation of the two degrees of freedom harmonic oscillator in 1:1 resonance.

Such a Hamiltonian was considered in [70] by Michel Hénon and Carl Heiles in an attempt to study the existence of a third integral of motion in galactic dynamics. Because it is  $D_3$  invariant (a feature that was probably unintended) it can serve (and has been used, see [22, 23]) as a model of the  $E$  mode. The concrete Hamiltonian is

$$H(x, y, p_x, p_y) = \frac{1}{2}(p_x^2 + p_y^2 + x^2 + y^2) + 2y(x^2 - \frac{1}{3}y^2) \quad (1.3)$$

and it is known as the Hénon-Heiles Hamiltonian (we use the notation  $x, y$  instead of  $q_2, q_3$ ).

One of the most important consequences of the  $D_3 \times \mathcal{T}$  symmetry is the existence of 8 *nonlinear normal modes* (usually denoted  $II_{1,\dots,8}$ ) for the Hénon-Heiles Hamiltonian and indeed for every  $D_3 \times \mathcal{T}$  invariant perturbation of the 1:1 resonance (see fig. 1.3). In order to gain some understanding on the origin of the nonlinear normal modes and some appreciation of the methods that we will use later for the 3-mode case we show how we can predict the existence of these modes using only symmetry arguments.

The reduced phase space for the 1:1 resonance is a sphere  $\mathbf{S}^2$  parameterized by the invariants  $j_1, j_2, j_3$  subject to the relation  $j_1^2 + j_2^2 + j_3^2 = j^2$  (see [29]).

Nonlinear normal modes correspond to equilibria of the reduced system and by virtue of Michel's theorem [86] every critical point of the action of  $D_3 \times \mathcal{T}$  on  $\mathbf{S}^2$  is an equilibrium of the reduced system. Therefore, in the search for the equilibria of the reduced Hamiltonian our first stop must be the critical points of the  $D_3 \times \mathcal{T}$  action.

**Lemma 1.1.** *The action of  $D_3 \times \mathcal{T}$  on  $\mathbf{S}^2$  has 8 isolated critical points.*

Isotropy group	Coordinates
$C_3 \wedge T_2$	$(0, \pm j, 0)$
$C_2 \times \mathcal{T}$	$(0, 0, j), \frac{j}{2}(\pm\sqrt{3}, 0, -1)$
$C'_2 \times \mathcal{T}$	$(0, 0, -j), \frac{j}{2}(\pm\sqrt{3}, 0, 1)$

**Proof.**  $D_3 \times \mathcal{T}$  has generators  $C_3$ ,  $C_2$  and  $T$  which act on  $j_1, j_2, j_3$  in the following way.  $C_3$  is rotation by  $2\pi/3$  about the  $j_2$  axis,  $C_2$  sends  $j_1 \rightarrow -j_1$  and  $T$  sends  $j_2 \rightarrow -j_2$ . It is now easy to check that the only critical points of the  $D_3 \times \mathcal{T}$  action on  $\mathbf{S}^2$  are the ones given in the lemma.  $\square$

The points given in the last lemma are equilibria of any  $D_3 \times \mathcal{T}$  invariant Hamiltonian on  $\mathbf{S}^2$ . In order to simplify the rest of the analysis and determine the type of these equilibria (maxima, minima or saddle points) we take into account the discrete symmetry.

**Lemma 1.2.** *The ring  $\mathbf{R}[j_1, j_2, j_3]^{D_3 \times \mathcal{T}}$  of  $D_3 \times \mathcal{T}$  invariant polynomials in the variables  $j_1, j_2$  and  $j_3$  is generated freely by  $j$ ,  $\mu_2 = j_2^2$  and  $\mu_3 = j_3(3j_1^2 - j_3^2)$ .*

*Remark 1.3.* In order to obtain the structure of the ring of invariant polynomials we often use the *Molien generating function*. Consider a linear action of a finite (or compact) group  $G$  on a linear space  $V$ . It is possible to select two classes of  $G$ -invariant polynomials, called *principal* and *auxiliary* polynomials in such a way that the ring of  $G$ -invariant polynomials has the form

$$\mathbf{R}[\text{principal invariants}] \bullet \{\text{auxiliary invariants}\}$$

These invariants are known in the physical literature as *integrity basis* [128] and in the mathematical literature as *homogeneous system of parameters* [120] or *Hironaka decomposition* [121]. Notice, that the choice of the principal and auxiliary invariants is not unique, but once chosen, any  $G$ -invariant polynomial can be expressed uniquely as a sum of terms such that each term contains an arbitrary combination of principal invariants and at most one auxiliary invariant which enters linearly.

The Molien function for invariants of finite groups in a given representation  $V$  is defined as

$$M(\lambda) = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} \frac{1}{\det(1 - \lambda g)} = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_j \lambda^j \quad (1.4)$$

In the case of a continuous group the sum becomes an integral:  $M(\lambda) = \int_G \det(1 - \lambda g)^{-1} d\mu$  where  $d\mu$  is the Haar measure of  $G$ . The numbers  $c_j$  give the multiplicity of the trivial representation in the  $G$  representation on polynomials of order  $j$ . In other words,  $c_j$  is the number of linearly independent  $G$ -invariant polynomials of order  $j$ .

Assume that the ring of  $G$ -invariant polynomials, where  $G$  is a finite group, has the form

$$\mathbf{R}[\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k] \bullet \{1, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_m\}$$

where  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k$  are the principal invariants of order  $d_1, \dots, d_k$  respectively, and  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_m$  are the auxiliary invariants of order  $s_1, \dots, s_m$  respectively. Then, it turns out that the Molien function for invariants is a rational function which can be reduced to the form  $M(\lambda) = N(\lambda)/D(\lambda)$  where

$$D(\lambda) = \prod_{j=1}^k (1 - \lambda^{d_j})$$

and

$$N(\lambda) = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^m \lambda^{s_j}$$

Notice that the inverse of this statement does not hold. There are counterexamples [120] where the structure of the Molien function in its most reduced form does not correspond to the structure of the integrity basis. This means that we can use the reduced form of the Molien function only in order to make an educated guess on the structure of the integrity basis but then our choice of principal and auxiliary invariants needs to be verified independently.

**Proof of lemma 1.2.** The Molien generating function (cf. remark 1.3) for the action of  $D_3 \times \mathcal{T}$  on  $(j_1, j_2, j_3)$  is

$$g(\lambda) = \frac{1}{(1 - \lambda^2)(1 - \lambda^3)} \quad (1.5)$$

Therefore the ring  $\mathbf{R}[j_1, j_2, j_3]^{D_3 \times \mathcal{T}}$  is generated freely by two invariants of orders 2 and 3 in  $j_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  respectively.  $\square$

Notice here that the terms  $j$  and  $\mu_2$  have a higher symmetry than  $D_3 \times \mathcal{T}$ . Specifically,  $j$  is  $O(3)$  invariant (it remains invariant under any rotation of  $(j_1, j_2, j_3)$  and inversion through the origin), while  $\mu_2$  is  $O(2)$  invariant (it remains invariant under any rotation of the sphere around the  $j_2$ -axis and inversion).

The last lemma allows to conclude that normalization and reduction of the Hénon-Heiles Hamiltonian (1.3) gives a reduced Hamiltonian which is a function of  $j$ ,  $\mu_2$  and  $\mu_3$ . Since normalization up to order  $\epsilon^2$  can only contain the terms  $j$  of degree 2, and  $\mu_2, j^2$  of degree 4 which have a higher symmetry than  $D_3 \times \mathcal{T}$  we need to normalize up to order  $\epsilon^4$  in order to reproduce completely

the symmetry of the original Hamiltonian. For this reason, normalization only up to order  $\epsilon^2$  gives a circle of degenerate equilibria on  $\mathbf{S}^2$ . The resolution of this rather obvious degeneracy (which was known as the problem of critical inclination) puzzled astronomers that studied the Hénon-Heiles Hamiltonian until the 80's when it was finally resolved [23].

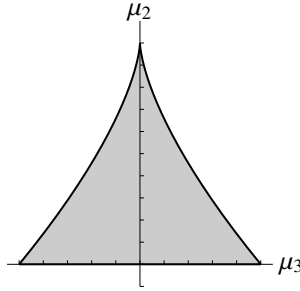
More concretely, consider the reduced Hénon-Heiles Hamiltonian which up to order  $\epsilon^4$  has the general form

$$\hat{H} = j + \epsilon^2(aj^2 + b\mu_2) + \epsilon^4(cj\mu_2 + d\mu_3) \quad (1.6)$$

where  $a, b, c, d$  are real nonzero numbers. Subtracting constant terms, gathering together the term  $b + \epsilon^2cj = e$  and dividing by  $\epsilon^2$  we write

$$\hat{H} = e\mu_2 + \epsilon^2d\mu_3 \quad (1.7)$$

This is the most general form of the  $\epsilon^4$  reduced Hamiltonian. Notice that we wrote this expression taking into account only the symmetry of the Hamiltonian (1.3) and without explicit normalization. Of course this latter step is needed if we want to compute the exact values of  $d$  and  $e$ .

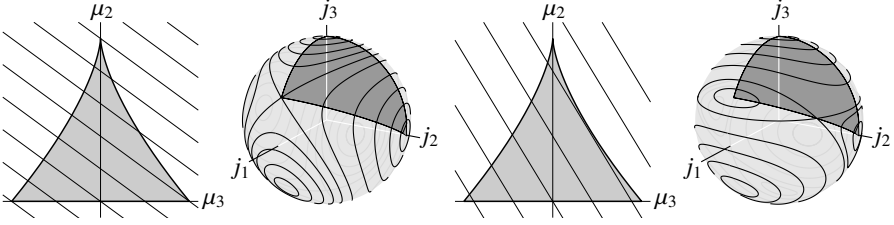


**Fig. 1.1** Fully reduced space  $\mathbf{S}^2/(D_3 \times \mathcal{T})$ .

**Lemma 1.4.** *The orbit space  $\mathbf{S}^2/(D_3 \times \mathcal{T})$  is a two dimensional semialgebraic variety which can be represented as the closed subset of  $\mathbf{R}^2$  with coordinates  $(\mu_3, \mu_2)$  enclosed between the curves  $s \mapsto ((2s-1)j^3, 0)$ ,  $s \mapsto (s^3j^3, (1-s^2)j^2)$  and  $s \mapsto (-s^3j^3, (1-s^2)j^2)$  where  $s \in [0, 1]$  in all cases (see fig. 1.1).*

**Proof.** Find the image of  $\mathbf{S}^2$  under the reduction map  $(j_1, j_2, j_3) \mapsto (\mu_3, \mu_2)$ .  $\square$

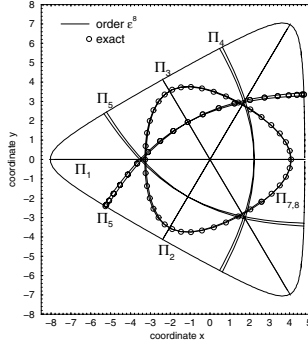
In fig. 1.2 we see the two types of reduced Hamiltonians (1.7) in general position, i.e. when  $d$  and  $e$  are non zero. The straight curves represent the level curves of the reduced Hamiltonian, i.e. they are solutions of the equation  $h = e\mu_2 + \epsilon^2d\mu_3$  for different  $h$ . In the first case the function has one minimum, one maximum and one saddle point in the fully reduced space. On  $\mathbf{S}^2$  they



**Fig. 1.2** Types of  $D_3 \times \mathcal{T}$  invariant Hamiltonians on  $\mathbf{S}^2$ . For each type we show the level curves of the Hamiltonian  $e\mu_2 + \epsilon^2 d\mu_3$  on the fully reduced space and the intersections of the level sets of the Hamiltonian with the reduced phase space  $\mathbf{S}^2$ . There is an 1-1 mapping between the dark gray patch on  $\mathbf{S}^2$  and the fully reduced phase space  $\mathbf{S}^2/(D_3 \times \mathcal{T})$ .

lift back to three minima, three saddle points and two maxima. The reduced Hénon-Heiles system falls in this case since for small  $\epsilon$  the lines defined by  $\mu_2 = \frac{1}{\epsilon}(h - d\epsilon^2\mu_3)$  have small slope.

The equilibria of the reduced Hamiltonian correspond to nonlinear normal modes. Therefore in this case we have three stable modes  $\Pi_{1,2,3}$  with stabilizer  $C_2 \times \mathcal{T}$ , three unstable modes  $\Pi_{4,5,6}$  with stabilizer  $C'_2 \times \mathcal{T}$  and two more stable modes  $\Pi_{7,8}$  with stabilizer  $C_3 \wedge T_2$ . These normal modes are described in more detail in [22, 23, 91, 109] (fig. 1.3).



**Fig. 1.3** Nonlinear normal modes of the Hénon-Heiles Hamiltonian.

In the second case the function has two maxima, one minimum and one saddle point on the fully reduced space. These lift back to five maxima, six saddle points and three minima on  $\mathbf{S}^2$ . Notice that when we pass from one type to the other we have a pitchfork bifurcation where each saddle point spawns two new saddle points while itself becomes stable.

### 1.1.3 The 3-Mode

We now turn our attention to the triply degenerate vibrational linear mode  $F_2$ . In this section we ‘freeze’ again all the other modes of the molecule. The action of  $T_d$  on its irreducible representation  $F_2$  is identical to the  $T_d$  action on the physical space. This is again described in detail in appendix A.

The action of  $T_d$  on the phase space  $T^*\mathbf{R}^3 = \mathbf{R}^6$  is induced by the cotangent lift of each element of  $T_d$ . Specifically, if the  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $R$  is the image of an element of  $T_d$  in the representation  $F_2$ , then its action on  $\mathbf{R}^6$  is the  $6 \times 6$  matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} R & 0 \\ 0 & R \end{pmatrix}$ .

We change notation for the coordinates in the  $F_2$  mode from  $(q_4, q_5, q_6)$  to  $(x, y, z)$ . The Taylor expanded potential  $U(q)$  restricted to this mode becomes a function  $U(x, y, z)$  that we denote by the same letter. The Taylor expansion of the potential  $U(x, y, z)$  is a  $T_d$  invariant function. The following lemma gives information on the form of  $U(x, y, z)$ .

**Lemma 1.5.** *The ring of  $T_d$  invariant polynomials  $\mathbf{R}[x, y, z]^{T_d}$  is freely generated by  $\mu_2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ ,  $\mu_3 = xyz$  and  $\mu_4 = x^4 + y^4 + z^4$ .*

**Proof.** The Molien function (cf. remark 1.3) for the action of  $T_d$  on  $\mathbf{R}_{x,y,z}^3$  is

$$M(\lambda) = \frac{1}{|T_d|} \sum_{g \in T_d} \frac{1}{\det(1 - \lambda g)} = \frac{1}{(1 - \lambda^2)(1 - \lambda^3)(1 - \lambda^4)} \quad (1.8)$$

The meaning of this Molien function is that  $\mathbf{R}[x, y, z]^{T_d}$  is freely generated by invariant polynomials in  $x, y, z$  of degrees 2, 3 and 4. The specific expressions for these polynomials can be computed by acting with the projection operator  $\frac{1}{|T_d|} \sum_{g \in T_d} g$  on the spaces of polynomials of order 2, 3 and 4 respectively.  $\square$

This means that the most general form of the Taylor expansion of the potential is

$$U(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{2}\mu_2 + \epsilon K_3 \mu_3 + \epsilon^2 K_4 \mu_4 + \epsilon^2 K_0 \mu^2 + \dots \quad (1.9)$$

The coefficients  $K_0, K_3, K_4$  are real numbers of order 1. The positive number  $\epsilon$  is a smallness parameter that we use to keep track of the degree of each term.

The ‘rotational’ part  $\frac{1}{2}\pi^t \mathcal{I}(q) \pi$  (recall that we have no rotation i.e.  $\ell = 0$ ) of the complete Hamiltonian of the molecule (1.1) also contributes to the terms of degree 4 of the  $F_2$  mode Hamiltonian with the term  $[(x, y, z) \times (p_x, p_y, p_z)]^2$ . The symmetry of this term is  $O(3)$ .

Therefore the most general (modulo a time rescaling that sets the frequency to 1)  $F_2$  mode Hamiltonian that we can have up to terms of degree 4 is

$$H(x, y, z, p_x, p_y, p_z) = \frac{1}{2}(p_x^2 + p_y^2 + p_z^2) + \epsilon^2 K_R [(x, y, z) \times (p_x, p_y, p_z)]^2 + \frac{1}{2}\mu_2 + \epsilon K_3 \mu_3 + \epsilon^2 K_4 \mu_4 + \epsilon^2 K_0 \mu^2 \quad (1.10)$$



The last equation defines a 4 parametric family of Hamiltonian systems. We have now reached the point where we can state the first of our objectives.

**Objective** *Classify generic members of family (1.10) in terms of their non-linear normal modes and their types of linear stability. Describe the different forms of these generic members.*

This objective is reached in chapter 2. In §2.1 we describe the discrete and approximate continuous symmetries of Hamiltonian (1.10) and their basic consequences. In §2.2, we show how  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  symmetric systems with Hamiltonian (1.10) can be described as a one-parameter family at a particular truncation of the normal form. In §2.3 we normalize the Hamiltonian (1.10) to the second (principal) order in  $\epsilon$  (degree 4) and then reduce it. In §2.4 we determine the local properties (linear stability type and Morse index) of the equilibria of the reduced Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}_\epsilon$  which are critical points of the  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  action. In §2.5 we describe other stationary points of  $\hat{H}_\epsilon$  which do not lie on a critical orbit of the  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  action. This concludes the concrete study of the family of systems with Hamiltonian (1.10) near the limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Finally in §2.6 we make some remarks about the bifurcations of the relative equilibria of this family. We detail the action of  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  and describe how we find the linear stability types and the Morse indices of the critical points on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  in the appendix.

## 1.2 The Hydrogen Atom in Crossed Fields

The second Hamiltonian system is the hydrogen atom in crossed electric and magnetic fields. This is only one system of the class of perturbed Kepler systems. Many systems in this class can be studied using the same techniques.

### 1.2.1 Perturbed Kepler Systems

The Kepler problem is perhaps the single most important, influential and paradigmatic problem of classical mechanics. Most of the questions that are studied in classical mechanics arose studying this problem and its perturbations.

In its simplest integrable form the Kepler problem is the problem of the motions of a body in a central potential field of type  $1/r$ . There are two well known incarnations of the problem. The first is the two-body problem in which two bodies of mass  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  move under the mutual influence of their gravitational fields. The second is the classical non-relativistic model of the hydrogen atom in which an electron moves around a proton. The Hamiltonian in both cases (considering appropriate systems of units and moving to the center of mass frame) is

$$H_0(Q, P) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{P}^2 - \frac{1}{|\mathbf{Q}|} \quad (1.11)$$

where  $\mathbf{Q} = (Q_1, Q_2, Q_3)$  are coordinate functions in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  and  $\mathbf{P} = (P_1, P_2, P_3)$  their conjugate momenta.  $H_0$  is called the *Kepler Hamiltonian*.

We work with a class of perturbed Kepler systems for which the perturbation is polynomial in  $Q, P$ . One such example is the lunar problem which is essentially the restricted three body problem for a large value of the Jacobi constant. Another one is dust orbiting around a planet under the influence of radiation pressure and a third is the artificial satellite problem [28].

A completely different field in which we have the same types of perturbed Keplerian problems is atomic physics. The hydrogen atom in electric and/or magnetic fields can be modeled as a perturbed Kepler system. Notable variations on this theme are the hydrogen atom in homogeneous electric field (Stark effect), in weak homogeneous magnetic field (linear Zeeman effect), in strong magnetic field (quadratic Zeeman effect), and in parallel or perpendicular electric and magnetic fields.

### 1.2.2 Description

We consider the classical motion of the electron of the hydrogen atom in homogeneous perpendicularly crossed electric and magnetic fields. We work in a system of units in which the electric charge of the electron is  $-1$  and its mass is  $1$ . By ‘classical’ we mean that we ignore all relativistic effects and spin. Moreover, we assume that because the proton mass is much larger than that of the electron, the proton stays fixed at the origin of our coordinate system  $(Q_1, Q_2, Q_3)$  in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .

The electric field points along the  $Q_2$ -axis, and is given by  $\mathbf{E} = (0, F, 0)$ . The corresponding potential energy is  $\phi_e = FQ_2$ . The magnetic field is given by  $\mathbf{B} = (G, 0, 0)$ . The corresponding vector potential is

$$\mathbf{A} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{B} \times \mathbf{Q} = \frac{1}{2}G(0, -Q_3, Q_2) \quad (1.12)$$

The motion of the electron is described by the Hamiltonian

$$H(Q, P) = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{P} + \mathbf{A})^2 + \phi_c + \phi_e \quad (1.13)$$

where  $\phi_c = -\frac{1}{|\mathbf{Q}|}$  is the Coulomb potential. Direct substitution of the expressions for  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\phi_e$  and  $\phi_c$  into (1.13) and some algebra gives

$$H(Q, P) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{P}^2 - \frac{1}{|\mathbf{Q}|} + FQ_2 + \frac{1}{2}G(Q_2P_3 - Q_3P_2) + \frac{1}{8}G^2(Q_2^2 + Q_3^2) \quad (1.14)$$

The last two terms in (1.14) describe the linear and quadratic Zeeman effect. If the magnetic field is weak the last term may be omitted. Then, the resulting Hamiltonian is identical to the Hamiltonian that describes the orbiting dust problem [123].

### 1.2.3 Normalization and Reduction

The treatment of all systems in the class of perturbed Kepler systems is very similar. We concentrate here on the hydrogen atom in crossed fields but one should keep in mind that the same techniques can be applied to other systems in this class. The whole procedure consists of regularization of the Kepler problem, first normalization and reduction, second normalization and reduction and reduction of the discrete symmetry of the problem. We explain these steps in more detail. Note here that second normalization may not be necessary or may not be applicable in other systems. We come back to this point later.

The first step in the study of the hydrogen atom in crossed fields is *Keplerian normalization* which consists of regularization of the singularity of the Kepler potential and normalization of the resulting system [50–52, 72, 74, 111, 112]. Different types of regularization have been used for this type of problems. Indicatively we mention, Levi-Civita regularization [76] and Delaunay regularization in [28, 123].

In this work we use Kustaanheimo-Stiefel (KS) regularization [73]. The result of KS regularization is a Hamiltonian that is a perturbation of the harmonic oscillator in 1:1:1:1 resonance. The regularized system has a first integral of motion (except the energy) that we call the KS integral  $\zeta$ . This means that it has an extra  $\mathbf{S}^1$  symmetry due to the flow of the Hamiltonian vector field associated to  $\zeta$ .

Moreover, the system has an approximate dynamical  $\mathbf{S}^1$  symmetry induced by the 1:1:1:1 resonance i.e. the unperturbed part of the regularized Hamiltonian. The normalization of the regularized system with respect to this symmetry can then be easily performed using standard techniques from normal form theory, like the Lie series algorithm [36].

The next step is the reduction of the first normalized Hamiltonian in terms of the  $\mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{S}^1 = \mathbf{T}^2$  oscillator and KS symmetry. This first reduction gives a Poisson system defined on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$ . The dynamical variables on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$  span the algebra  $\mathfrak{so}(4) = \mathfrak{so}(3) \times \mathfrak{so}(3)$ .

The important property of the crossed fields system is that the first reduced system has yet another approximate  $\mathbf{S}^1$  axial symmetry. Note that for other systems in the class of perturbed Kepler problems, for example the hydrogen atom in homogeneous electric field, this  $\mathbf{S}^1$  symmetry is exact. In both cases we proceed in essentially the same way. The only difference is that in the case studied here we first have to do a second normalization in order to turn the approximate dynamical symmetry into an exact one. Obviously such normalization is not necessary in the case that the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  symmetry is exact. Moreover, note that in many cases there is no extra  $\mathbf{S}^1$  symmetry, neither exact nor approximate. In that case we can not do the second normalization and reduction and we have to work on the first reduced space  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$ .

To continue, we perform a second normalization and reduction with respect to the axial  $\mathbf{S}^1$  symmetry. We perform the second normalization using the Lie

series algorithm [36, 63] for the standard Poisson structure on  $\mathfrak{so}(3) \times \mathfrak{so}(3)$ . The result is an one degree of freedom integrable Poisson system. Let us denote by  $n$  the value of the oscillator integral with respect to which we did the first normalization and by  $c$  the value of the generator of the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  symmetry with respect to which we did the second normalization. The reduced phase space  $M_{n,c}$  is diffeomorphic to a 2-sphere except for two cases. First, for  $c = 0$  where  $M_{n,0}$  is only homeomorphic to a sphere and has two conical singularities (looks like a lemon, cf. fig. 3.2). Second, for  $c = \pm n$  where  $M_{n,\pm n}$  are each a single point. The singular points of  $M_{n,0}$  and the single points that constitute  $M_{n,\pm n}$  correspond to equilibria of the second normalized system on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$ .

The last step is to reduce the discrete symmetry of the system. One can easily see that the original perturbed Kepler system has a  $\mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$  symmetry, generated by reflections

$$(Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, P_1, P_2, P_3) \rightarrow (-Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, -P_1, P_2, P_3)$$

and reflections-time reversals

$$(Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, P_1, P_2, P_3) \rightarrow (Q_1, Q_2, -Q_3, -P_1, -P_2, P_3)$$

These discrete symmetries are system specific. Therefore, this step may not apply to other perturbed Keplerian systems. The orbit space of this discrete symmetry is depicted in fig. 1.4.

#### 1.2.4 Energy Momentum Map

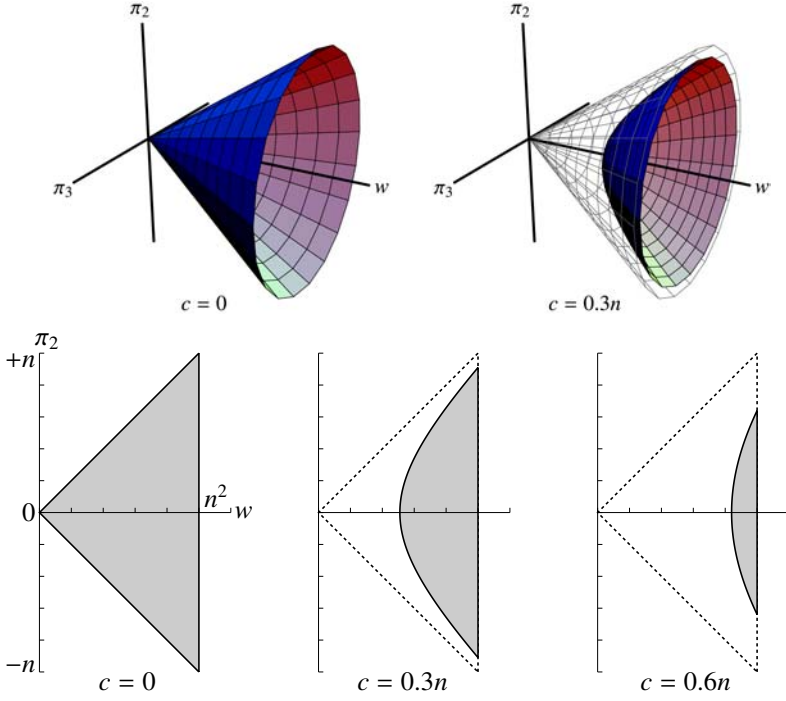
The  $\mathcal{EM}$  map of the system is defined on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$  as

$$\mathcal{EM}(p) = (\tilde{\mathcal{H}}(p), \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_1(p)) \quad (1.15)$$

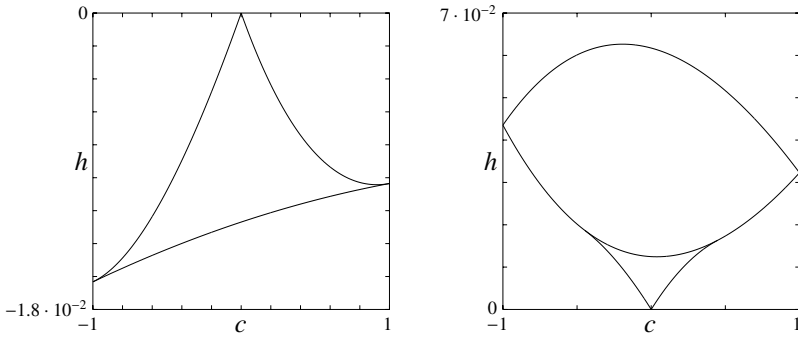
where  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  is the second normalized Hamiltonian, and  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_1$  is the generator of the axial  $\mathbf{S}^1$  symmetry with respect to which we perform the second normalization (cf. §3.2.1).

The hydrogen atom in crossed fields can be tuned between the Stark and Zeeman limits by varying the strengths of the electric and magnetic field. The image of the  $\mathcal{EM}$  map at the two limits is shown in fig. 1.5 where we observe that the two limits are qualitatively different. The question that is posed is what happens exactly as we tune the atom between the two limits and what kind of metamorphoses appear when we pass from the image at the left to the image at the right:

**Objective** *Prove that as we tune the hydrogen atom in crossed fields between the Stark and Zeeman limits we have two qualitatively different Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcations. Illustrate and discuss the geometric manifestation of these bifurcations in the reduced phase space and explain their relation to monodromy.*



**Fig. 1.4** Fully reduced spaces  $V_{n,c}$  and their projections  $V_{n,c}^0$  to the  $(\pi_2, w)$  plane.



**Fig. 1.5** Image of the  $\mathcal{EM}$  map in the Stark and Zeeman limits.

We prove the existence of these Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcations in chapter 3. In §3.1 we review the Kustaanheimo-Stiefel regularization and the first normalization and reduction of Hamiltonian (1.14). In §3.2 we review the second normalization and reduction of the system and we obtain the equilibria that go through the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation. In §3.3 we focus on the discrete symmetries of the system which permit us to simplify further the description of the second reduced system. In §3.4 we formulate and prove the main result of this paper which is the existence of the two qualitatively different Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcations in the hydrogen atom in crossed fields. In §3.5 we describe the relation of the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcations to the existence of monodromy in the system. Finally, in §3.6 we describe the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation in the context of the second reduced system.

### 1.3 Quadratic Spherical Pendula

A very simple model of a floppy triatomic molecule with two stable linear equilibria is the constrained motion of a particle on the unit sphere in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  under the influence of a potential that is a quadratic polynomial in  $z$ . This model is a deformation of the classical spherical pendulum.

#### 1.3.1 A Spherical Pendulum Model for Floppy Triatomic Molecules

We consider floppy molecules of type XAB in which X is a light atom (H, Li) and AB is a rather rigid and heavy diatom. Molecules of this type include HCN, LiCN, HCP and HClO. The XAB system has six degrees of freedom, ignoring electronic motions and bringing the system in its center of mass frame. Two of these degrees are the stretching mode  $r$  of the AB bond and the distance  $R$  between the light X atom and the diatom fragment AB. One degree is described by the bending angle  $\gamma$  of the hydrogen atom with respect to the AB axis. Finally, there are three rotational degrees of freedom, one of which describes rotations around the AB axis and the other two describe rotations around axes that are approximately perpendicular to the AB axis.

A first approximation in the study of XAB is to ignore the latter two rotational degrees of freedom. Moreover, the XAB fragment is rigid and we can consider  $r$  to be fixed. Ignoring  $R$  is more difficult. The first major obstruction is that  $R$  oscillates. In many molecules there is a 1:2 resonance between the oscillation of  $R$  and the bending mode oscillations in  $\gamma$ . In that case we can not ignore the interaction between the two modes. Nevertheless, this resonance does not exist in HCN or LiCN. In these cases we can normalize the system, and arrive at a system in which  $R$  does not oscillate but has a specific average value at each direction  $\gamma$ . This however leaves the problem that  $R$  is not constant but changes for different  $\gamma$ . In order to simplify the problem we are going to assume that  $R$  is constant, i.e. that X is moving on the surface of a sphere. This approximation gives the correct qualitative description of LiCN

but, as we discuss later (§4.7), modifies the qualitative characteristics of HCN. In reality, since  $R$  is not constant the X atom is not moving on a sphere, but on a more general surface of revolution, and therefore the form of the kinetic energy of the system is modified.

With these assumptions we have a particle moving on the surface of a sphere under the influence of an unspecified axisymmetric potential. Spectroscopists have found that the potential that describes the LiCN molecule has two minima; one for each pole of the sphere. Moreover the potential is clearly axisymmetric. Therefore we can describe it using a function

$$V(z) = \frac{1}{2}b_{\text{LiCN}}z^2 + c_{\text{LiCN}}z + d_{\text{LiCN}} \quad (1.16)$$

where the values  $b_{\text{LiCN}} < 0$ ,  $c_{\text{LiCN}}$  are chosen in such a way such as to give the experimentally determined values of the minima and maxima of the potential.

### 1.3.2 The Family of Quadratic Spherical Pendula

As we mentioned in the introduction we study not only the particular Hamiltonian that models LiCN but also the whole family of systems defined as a particle moving on the surface of the unit sphere in a quadratic potential

$$V(z) = \frac{1}{2}bz^2 + cz + d \quad (1.17)$$

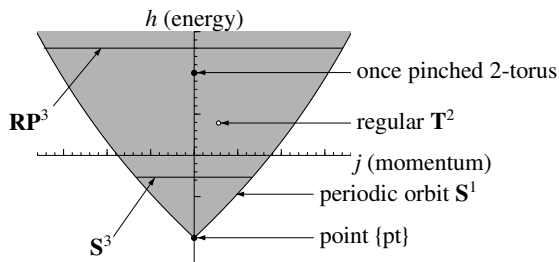
We call this family *quadratic spherical pendula*. Since these systems are invariant under rotations about the vertical axis of the sphere, there is a conserved quantity, the vertical component  $J$  of the angular momentum. This means in particular that these systems (and all systems with a potential  $V(z)$ ) are Liouville integrable.

Notable members of this family are the linear spherical pendulum for which  $V(z) = z$ , and two quadratic spherical pendula with  $V(z) = z^2$  and  $V(z) = -z^2$ . We discuss these systems in some detail.

### The Linear Spherical Pendulum

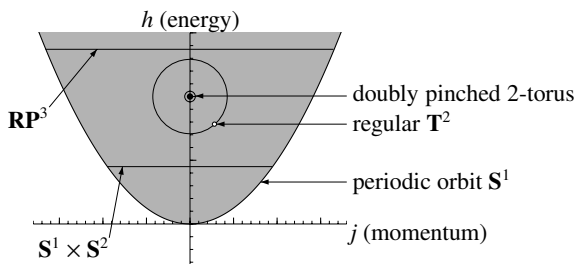
Recall that by linear spherical pendulum we mean the classical spherical pendulum, i.e. a point mass constrained to move on the surface of a sphere under the influence of the gravitational (linear) potential  $V(z) = z$ . The linear spherical pendulum is one of the classical integrable systems [29]. It has been studied, as early as 1673, by Huygens who found its relative equilibria which are horizontal circular periodic orbits. In more recent times the linear spherical pendulum has served as the first concrete example of a Hamiltonian system with *monodromy* [38].

For our purposes, the (linear) spherical pendulum is the motion of a particle on a sphere under the influence of gravity. The image of the energy-momentum map of the spherical pendulum is depicted in fig. 1.6. The fiber  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(1, 0)$  is a singly pinched torus. Therefore by the *geometric monodromy theorem* [30, 136], the system has monodromy and the monodromy matrix is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .



**Fig. 1.6** Image and fibers of the energy-momentum map  $\mathcal{EM}$  of the spherical pendulum, see Chap. IV.3 of [29].

### Quadratic Spherical Pendulum with $V(z) = z^2$



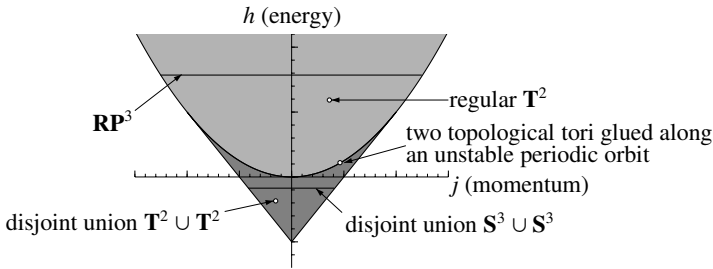
**Fig. 1.7** Image and fibers of the energy-momentum map  $\mathcal{EM}$  of the quadratic spherical pendulum with  $V(z) = z^2$ .

This system is studied in [14, 35]. I learned about the quadratic spherical pendulum with  $V(z) = z^2$  from a ‘homework’ of R. Cushman at the first Peyresq school [90]. The image of  $\mathcal{EM}$  for this quadratic spherical pendulum is depicted in fig. 1.7. Here the fiber  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(1, 0)$  corresponds to a *doubly* pinched torus. This system has monodromy, but in this case the monodromy matrix is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

### Quadratic Spherical Pendulum with $V(z) = -z^2$

As far as I know the quadratic spherical pendulum with  $V(z) = -z^2$  has not been studied before. Its  $\mathcal{EM}$  map is depicted in fig. 1.8. Points in the interior of the dark gray area correspond to two disjoint tori in phase space. Points in the interior of the light gray area correspond to a single torus. Points on the line that separates the two regions correspond to two tori joined along an  $X_J$  orbit. I do not know of any way to define monodromy for this system although the application of the Duistermaat-Heckman theory [41, 42] (or the counting of quantum levels) might lead to an even more refined notion of monodromy.





**Fig. 1.8** Image and fibers of the energy-momentum map  $\mathcal{EM}$  of the quadratic spherical pendulum with  $V(z) = -z^2$ .

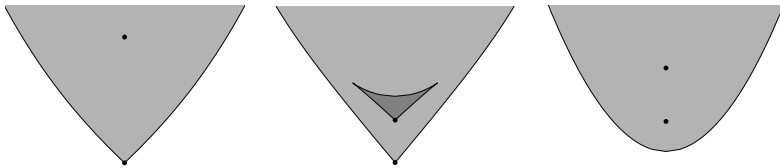
### General Situation

As we change the parameters  $b, c$  of the potential the system goes through different regimes. These regimes can be classified as follows in terms of the image of  $\mathcal{EM}$  (cf. §4.2).

**Type O.**  $\mathcal{EM}$  has one isolated critical value that lifts to a singly pinched torus whose pinch point is the unstable equilibrium. The linear spherical pendulum  $V(z) = z$  belongs in this category.

**Type I.** The image of  $\mathcal{EM}$  consists of two leaves. The smaller of these leaves covers part of the larger leaf. Each point inside each leaf lifts to a regular 2-torus. The leaves join at a line of critical values of  $\mathcal{EM}$ . The image of one stable equilibrium is attached to the boundary of each leaf. A special case is  $V(z) = -z^2$  in which the smaller leaf touches the boundary of the  $\mathcal{EM}$  image and the images of the two equilibria coincide.

**Type II.** The  $\mathcal{EM}$  has two isolated critical values. Each of them lifts to a singly pinched torus. The case  $V(z) = z^2$  is a special subcase in which the images of the two singly pinched tori merge to one doubly pinched torus.



**Fig. 1.9** Type O, I and II systems.

Note that from now on when we refer to type I and II systems we do not include the special cases  $V(z) = \pm z^2$  unless explicitly mentioned.

Type O systems are qualitatively identical to the spherical pendulum, which we already discussed. Monodromy in type II systems can be characterized in two ways. If we consider any path in the image of  $\mathcal{EM}$  that encloses

just one of the two isolated critical values, then we find the monodromy matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . If on the other hand, we consider a path that encloses both critical values then we find the monodromy matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . When the two equilibria join for  $V(z) = z^2$  the latter matrix is the monodromy matrix around the isolated critical value of  $\mathcal{EM}$  that lifts to a doubly pinched torus.

Monodromy in type I systems is different. As we mentioned before, in this case the image of  $\mathcal{EM}$  contains two leaves that join along a curve segment  $\mathcal{C}$  of critical values. We define monodromy in this case by considering paths that stay on one of the leaves and go around  $\mathcal{C}$ . In chapter 4 we use a *deformation* argument to show that the monodromy matrix is the same as in type O systems, i.e.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . The argument is based on the fact that we can smoothly deform the small leaf in type I systems to the isolated critical value in type O systems.

Two of the changes between the different regimes are of particular interest. The first case is when we go from a type O to a type II system. In this case one equilibrium detaches from the boundary of the  $\mathcal{EM}$  image and becomes isolated. This case corresponds exactly to the nonlinear character of a supercritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation.

The second is when we go from a type I to a type O system. In this case the small leaf shrinks to an isolated equilibrium and we have a subcritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation. We see in quadratic spherical pendula that non-local monodromy is related to a subcritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation.

**Objective** *Study the different types of monodromy that appear in the family (1.17) and the passage between them. Especially, study the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcations of the equilibria  $P_{\pm}$  as the system goes through different parameter regions.*

This objective is reached in chapter 4. In §4.1 we review the reduction of the axial symmetry of quadratic spherical pendula. In §4.2 we classify different members of the family of quadratic spherical pendula in terms of the foliation of the phase space by fibers of the energy-momentum map. In §4.3, §4.4 and §4.5 we discuss the classical and quantum monodromy of the family of quadratic spherical pendula. In §4.6 we prove that when the type of monodromy changes we have a generalized Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation. Finally, in §4.7 we discuss the application of these results to realistic floppy molecules, especially, LiCN.

## 1.4 The 1: – 2 Resonance System

By an  $m: \pm n$  resonance we mean a two degree of freedom integrable Hamiltonian  $H$  which Poisson commutes with the oscillator system described by

$$J = \frac{m}{2}(q_1^2 + p_1^2) \pm \frac{n}{2}(q_2^2 + p_2^2) \quad (1.18)$$

$H$  may be the result of normalization and truncation of a non-integrable perturbation of  $J$  with respect to the flow of  $J$ . In this work  $m, n$  are always positive integers with  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ .

### 1.4.1 Reduction

We reduce the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action induced in each case by the flow of  $J$  (1.18). Although we are interested mainly in  $m$ :  $-n$  resonances we describe also the reduction of  $m$ : $n$  resonances. In each case we identify  $\mathbf{R}^4$  with  $\mathbf{C}^2$  defining  $z_j = q_j + ip_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ .

### Reduction of the $m$ : $n$ Resonance

The flow of the  $m$ : $n$  resonant oscillator generates the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action

$$\Phi_{m:n} : \mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^2 : t, (z_1, z_2) \mapsto (\exp(imt)z_1, \exp(int)z_2) \quad (1.19)$$

**Lemma 1.6.** *The algebra  $\mathbf{R}[q, p]^{\Phi_{m:n}}$  of  $\Phi_{m:n}$  invariant polynomials in  $q, p$  is generated by*

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \frac{1}{2}(m(q_1^2 + p_1^2) + n(q_2^2 + p_2^2)) \\ \pi_1 &= \frac{1}{2}(m(q_1^2 + p_1^2) - n(q_2^2 + p_2^2)) \\ \pi_2 &= (n^m m^n)^{1/2} \operatorname{Re}((q_1 + ip_1)^n (q_2 - ip_2)^m) \\ \pi_3 &= (n^m m^n)^{1/2} \operatorname{Im}((q_1 + ip_1)^n (q_2 - ip_2)^m) \end{aligned}$$

which satisfy

$$\Psi_{m:n} = \pi_2^2 + \pi_3^2 - (J + \pi_1)^n (J - \pi_1)^m = 0 \text{ and } J \geq 0 \text{ and } |\pi_1| \leq J$$

The Poisson structure for the invariants is

$$\begin{aligned} \{\pi_1, \pi_2\} &= -2mn\pi_3 \\ \{\pi_3, \pi_1\} &= -2mn\pi_2 \\ \{\pi_2, \pi_3\} &= -mn(J + \pi_1)^{n-1} (J - \pi_1)^{m-1} ((m+n)\pi_1 + (m-n)J) \end{aligned}$$

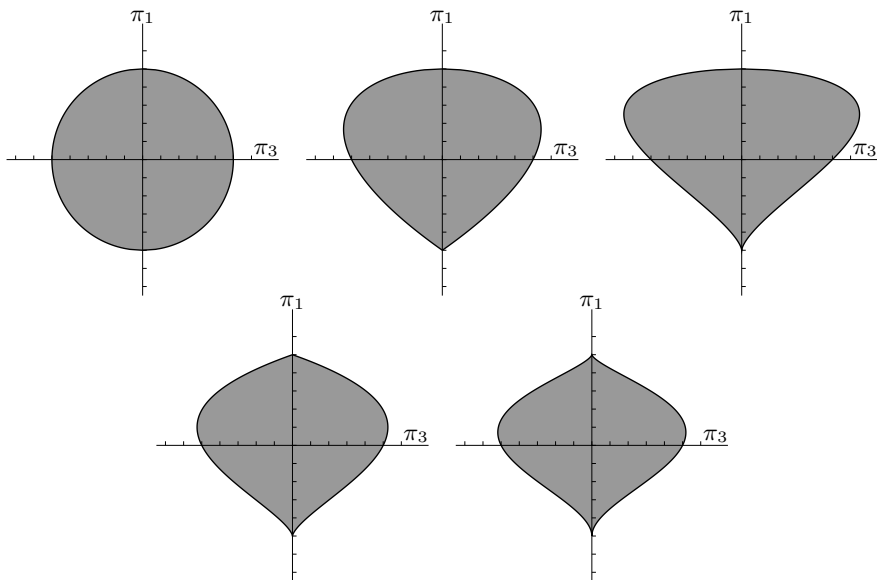
or more concisely

$$\{\pi_i, \pi_j\} = -mn \sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial \Psi_{m:n}}{\partial \pi_k}$$

The reduced phase space  $P_j = J^{-1}(j)/\mathbf{S}^1$  is the semialgebraic variety defined by

$$\Psi_{m:n} = \pi_2^2 + \pi_3^2 - (j + \pi_1)^n (j - \pi_1)^m = 0, j \geq 0 \text{ and } |\pi_1| \leq j \quad (1.20)$$

It is easy to deduce from (1.20) that  $P_j$  is compact.



**Fig. 1.10** Projections of the reduced phase spaces of the  $m:n$  resonances 1:1, 1:2, 1:3, 2:3 and 3:4 on the  $(\pi_3, \pi_1)$  plane.

Notice that the points  $(\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3) = \pm(j, 0, 0)$  are always on  $P_j$  and they correspond to the minimum and maximum values of  $\pi_1$ . When  $n = 1$ ,  $P_j$  is smooth at  $(-j, 0, 0)$ , when  $n = 2$  it has a conical singularity and for  $n \geq 3$  it has a cusp-like singularity. The behavior of  $P_j$  at  $(j, 0, 0)$  depends on the values of  $m$ , and for  $m = 1$ ,  $m = 2$  and  $m \geq 3$  we have that  $P_j$  is smooth, has a conical singularity or has a cusp-like singularity respectively. The projections of the reduced spaces  $P_j$  on the plane  $(\pi_1, \pi_3)$  for some pairs  $m, n$  are depicted in fig. 1.10.

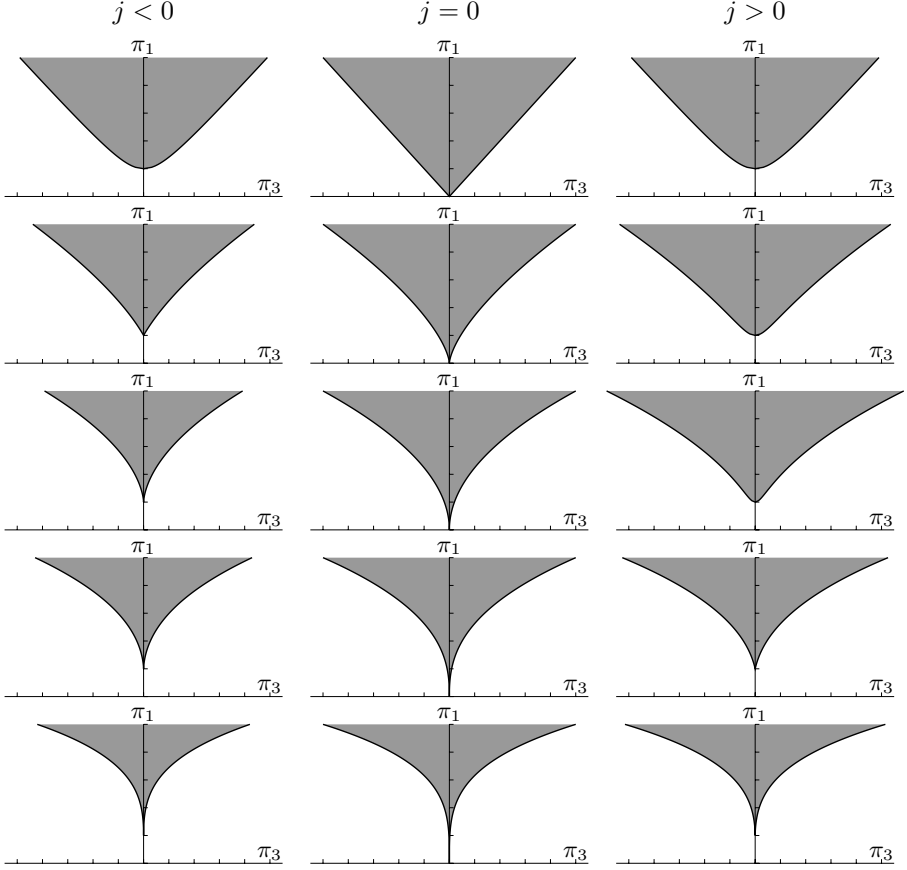
### Reduction of the $m:-n$ Resonance

The flow of the  $m:-n$  resonant oscillator generates the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action

$$\Phi_{m:-n} : \mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{C}^2 : t, (z_1, z_2) \mapsto (\exp(imt)z_1, \exp(-int)z_2) \quad (1.21)$$

**Lemma 1.7.** *The algebra  $\mathbf{R}[q, p]^{\Phi_{m:-n}}$  of  $\Phi_{m:-n}$  invariant polynomials in  $q, p$  is generated by*

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \frac{1}{2}(m(q_1^2 + p_1^2) - n(q_2^2 + p_2^2)) \\ \pi_1 &= \frac{1}{2}(m(q_1^2 + p_1^2) + n(q_2^2 + p_2^2)) \\ \pi_2 &= (n^m m^n)^{1/2} \operatorname{Re}((q_1 + ip_1)^n (q_2 + ip_2)^m) \\ \pi_3 &= (n^m m^n)^{1/2} \operatorname{Im}((q_1 + ip_1)^n (q_2 + ip_2)^m) \end{aligned}$$



**Fig. 1.11** Projections of the reduced phase spaces of the  $m: -n$  on the  $(\pi_3, \pi_1)$  plane. From top to bottom: 1: - 1, 1: - 2, 1: - 3, 2: - 3, 3: - 4.

which satisfy

$$\Psi_{m:-n} = \pi_2^2 + \pi_3^2 - (\pi_1 + J)^n (\pi_1 - J)^m = 0 \text{ and } \pi_1 \geq |J|$$

The Poisson structure for the invariants is

$$\{\pi_1, \pi_2\} = -2mn\pi_3$$

$$\{\pi_3, \pi_1\} = -2mn\pi_2$$

$$\{\pi_2, \pi_3\} = -mn(\pi_1 + J)^{n-1}(\pi_1 - J)^{m-1}((m+n)\pi_1 + (m-n)J)$$

or more concisely

$$\{\pi_i, \pi_j\} = -mn \sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} \frac{\partial \Psi_{m:-n}}{\partial \pi_k}$$

The reduced phase space  $P_j = J^{-1}(j)/\mathbf{S}^1$  is the non-compact semialgebraic variety defined by

$$\Psi_{m;-n} = \pi_2^2 + \pi_3^2 - (j + \pi_1)^n (\pi_1 - j)^m = 0 \text{ and } \pi_1 \geq |j|. \quad (1.22)$$

Notice that the point  $(\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3) = (|j|, 0, 0)$  is always on  $P_j$  and corresponds to the minimum value of  $\pi_1$ .  $P_j$  at  $(|j|, 0, 0)$  for  $j < 0$  is smooth when  $n = 1$ , has a conical singularity when  $n = 2$  and has a cusp-like singularity for  $n \geq 3$ . The same hold for  $j > 0$  but with  $n$  replaced by  $m$ . The reduced phase spaces  $P_j$  for some pairs of  $m, n$  are depicted in fig. 1.11.

#### 1.4.2 The 1: - 1 Resonance System

We describe first a 1: - 1 resonance system which has ordinary monodromy. Recall that in the case of the 1: - 1 resonance the momentum is

$$J = \frac{1}{2}(q_1^2 + p_1^2) - \frac{1}{2}(q_2^2 + p_2^2) \quad (1.23)$$

A Hamiltonian that Poisson commutes with  $J$  is

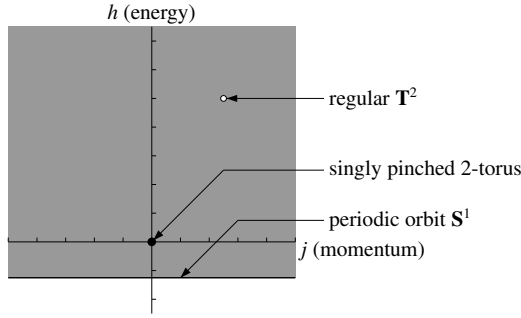
$$H(q, p) = \pi_3 + \epsilon(\pi_1^2 - J^2) = q_1 p_2 + q_2 p_1 + \epsilon(q_1^2 + p_1^2)(q_2^2 + p_2^2) \quad (1.24)$$

Notice that (1.24) is *not* the most general quadratic polynomial that Poisson commutes with  $J$  (1.23). That would be  $aJ + b\pi_1 + c\pi_2 + d\pi_3$  where  $a, b, c, d$  are real parameters and  $J, \pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3$  are the invariants of the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action  $\Phi_{1;-1}$  (1.21) given in lemma 1.7. We chose the particular form for the quadratic part of  $H$  because we are interested only in the topology of the foliation of the phase space by the fibers of  $(H, J)$ . This means that we can omit the term  $aJ$  and we can also prove that we can kill the term  $c\pi_2$  with an appropriate symplectic transformation. Moreover, we choose  $b = 0$  because it is the simpler choice of  $b$  for which the system has monodromy. The last remark becomes clear when we notice that there is a symplectic transformation  $\phi$  such that  $\phi^* H^{(2)} = -(q_1 p_1 + q_2 p_2) = -T$  and  $\phi^* J = -(q_1 p_2 - q_2 p_1) = -S$ . Here  $H^{(2)} = \pi_3$  is the quadratic part of  $H$ .  $S$  and  $T$  can be recognized as the normal form of the integrable foliation near a focus-focus point (cf. [129]). So we have chosen the particular  $H$  and  $J$  in order to have a focus-focus point and therefore monodromy. The term of order  $\epsilon$  has been introduced in  $H$  in order to compactify the common level sets  $H^{-1}(h) \cap J^{-1}(j)$  and does not affect the existence of monodromy.

The energy-momentum map is  $\mathcal{EM} : \mathbf{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2 : z \mapsto (H(z), J(z))$ . The set of critical values of  $\mathcal{EM}$  is shown in fig. 1.12. It consists of the line  $h = -\frac{1}{4\epsilon}$  each point of which lifts to an  $\mathbf{S}^1$  and the isolated critical value  $(0, 0)$ . The latter lifts to a singly pinched torus. By the geometric monodromy theorem [30, 136] we have that the monodromy matrix for paths that go around the isolated critical value is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

#### 1.4.3 Fractional Monodromy in the 1: - 2 Resonance System

We focus now on the 1: - 2 resonance. The most general polynomial Hamiltonian up to terms of degree 3 in  $q, p$ , that Poisson commutes with



**Fig. 1.12** Image of the  $\mathcal{EM}$  map of the 1: - 1 resonance

$$J = \frac{1}{2}(q_1^2 + p_1^2) - (q_2^2 + p_2^2) \quad (1.25)$$

is

$$H = aJ + b\pi_1 + c\pi_2 + d\pi_3 \quad (1.26)$$

where  $a, b, c, d$  are real parameters and  $\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3$  are the invariants of the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action  $\Phi_{1:-2}$  (1.21) given in lemma 1.7.

In this work we are interested in the topology of the foliation of the phase space by fibers of the energy momentum map  $(H, J)$ . The foliation determined by the fibers of the map  $(H - aJ, J)$  is diffeomorphic to the one defined by  $(H, J)$ . For this reason we omit the term  $aJ$  from  $H$ . Moreover, the phenomenon that we want to study (fractional monodromy) exists for small values of  $b$  (and  $b = 0$ ) but disappears for larger values of  $b$ . For this reason and in order to have a simple Hamiltonian we choose  $b = 0$ .

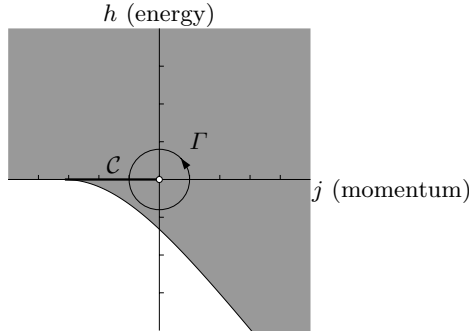
We can further simplify the Hamiltonian observing that we can make a symplectic change of variables that leaves  $J$  invariant and which induces a rotation on the  $\pi_2, \pi_3$  plane. This way we can kill<sup>1</sup>  $\pi_2$  and we are left (after a time rescaling) with the Hamiltonian  $H = \pi_3$ . Finally, in order to compactify the fibers of the energy-momentum map we introduce a quartic term:

$$H = \pi_3 + \epsilon(\pi_1^2 - J^2) \quad (1.27)$$

Notice that in principle the term  $-\epsilon J^2$  is not necessary because it does not affect the topology of the foliation. Nevertheless, its presence plays a significant role in the computations of chapter 5 (cf. §5.4). We call Hamiltonian (1.27) the 1: - 2 *resonance system*. The energy-momentum map is  $\mathcal{EM}(q, p) = (H(q, p), J(q, p))$ .

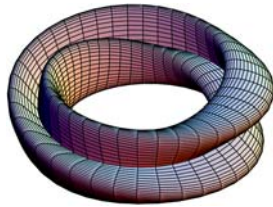
The image of  $\mathcal{EM}$  is depicted in fig. 1.13. The set of critical values of  $\mathcal{EM}$  consists of the boundary of the image of  $\mathcal{EM}$ , and a line  $\mathcal{C}$  along the  $j$  axis that joins the boundary at one side and ends at  $(0, 0)$  at the other side (we

<sup>1</sup> There is a stronger result for the 1: - 2 resonance [17], according to which for any (not just quadratic) polynomial Hamiltonian  $H$  that factors through  $J, \pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3$  there exists a symplectic transformation that kills  $\pi_2$ .



**Fig. 1.13** Image of the energy-momentum map of the 1: - 2 resonance.

do not consider end points as parts of  $\mathcal{C}$ ). Each point on  $\mathcal{C}$  corresponds to a ‘curled’ torus in the phase space  $\mathbf{R}^4$  (fig. 1.14).



**Fig. 1.14** Curled torus.

The set of regular values  $\mathcal{R}$  of  $\mathcal{EM}$  is simply connected. This means that the monodromy is trivial for any closed path inside  $\mathcal{R}$ . The question that we want to answer is what happens for a path  $\Gamma$  that encircles the origin and crosses  $\mathcal{C}$  at a point  $p$ . Notice that  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(\Gamma) \rightarrow \Gamma$  is not a  $\mathbf{T}^2$  bundle since  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(p)$  is not a  $\mathbf{T}^2$ .

In order to be more precise we have to give some details about how we define and compute ordinary monodromy. Recall that a system has monodromy if the regular  $\mathbf{T}^2$  bundle is not trivial. This non-triviality of the bundle is given by its classifying map  $\chi$  which induces an automorphism  $\mu$  on the first homology group  $H_1(\mathbf{T}_m^2, \mathbf{Z})$  of any  $m \in \Gamma$ .  $\mu$  is called the *monodromy map*, it does not depend on  $m \in \Gamma$ , and it is the identity if and only if the monodromy is trivial. A way to compute  $\mu$  in a specific basis of  $H_1(\mathbf{T}_m^2, \mathbf{Z})$  is to consider concrete representations of a cycle basis of the homology group, continue them along  $\Gamma$  until we reach again  $m$  and compare the new basis with the initial one.

In the 1: - 2 resonance system, this approach has the problem that  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(p), p \in \mathcal{C}$  is not a  $\mathbf{T}^2$  and therefore we can not continue the cycle basis through  $\mathcal{C}$ . The idea of Zhilinskiĭ that was turned to a proof in [98, 99]



was to continue a ‘double’ cycle along  $\Gamma$  (cf. §5.2.2). This way we define a generalized monodromy map that is an automorphism of a subgroup of the homology group. In [98, 99] the cycle basis is constructed as the intersections of the fibers  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(m)$ ,  $m \in \Gamma$  with a fixed 3 dimensional hyperplane in  $\mathbf{R}^4$ . A different proof in which the cycle basis is constructed as integral curves of properly defined ‘action’ vector fields is given in [43].

The first proof of monodromy by Duistermaat [38] used the notion of the *period lattice*. The period lattice on a regular torus is the set of pairs of ‘times’  $(t_1, t_2)$  after which a point on the torus returns to itself after following the flow of  $X_J$  for time  $t_1$  and the flow of  $X_H$  for time  $t_2$ . Duistermaat proves that for a closed path  $\Gamma$  in the set of regular values of  $\mathcal{EM}$ , the period lattice bundle over  $\Gamma$  is isomorphic to the first homology group bundle over  $\Gamma$ . This means that the non-triviality of the  $\mathbf{T}^2$  bundle over  $\Gamma$  appears as a variation of the period lattice as we go once around  $\Gamma$ . This variation can be computed using analytic methods.

In chapter 5 we describe analytically the behavior of the period lattice as we go around a path  $\Gamma$  that crosses  $\mathcal{C}$ . We show that in order to be able to continue the period lattice through the line  $\mathcal{C}$  we have to consider a sublattice. Specifically, if the period lattice is spanned by vectors  $v_1, v_2$  then the sublattice we consider is spanned by  $v_1, 2v_2$  in direct correspondence with the ‘double cycle’ of Zhilinskiĭ. We can then prove that the variation of the sublattice along  $\Gamma$  is given by the linear automorphism with matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . If we express this automorphism *formally* in the original basis we obtain the matrix

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in \text{SL}(2, \mathbf{Q}) \quad (1.28)$$

For this reason this type of monodromy is called *fractional monodromy*.

**Objective** *Prove analytically that the variation of the period lattice is given by (1.28).*

We deal with fractional monodromy in chapter 5. In §5.1 we describe the foliation of the phase space of the 1: - 2 resonance system by invariant tori. In §5.2 we explain why we have to consider a sublattice of the period lattice and we compute its variation along a closed path that crosses the critical line. In §5.3 we relate the period lattice description to the proof of fractional monodromy in [43]. In 5.4 we give an explanation for the particular choice of the quadratic terms in  $H$  as related to the choice in [99]. We describe the manifestation of quantum fractional monodromy in §5.5. Finally, in §5.6 we give two conjectures for the monodromy matrix in higher order resonances  $m: -n$ .

# Small Vibrations of Tetrahedral Molecules

## 2.1 Discrete and Continuous Symmetry

### 2.1.1 The Hamiltonian Family

In §1.1.3 we introduced the most general quartic Hamiltonian (1.10) that can model the triply degenerate vibrational mode of a tetrahedral molecule. Recall here that the Hamiltonian (1.10) is

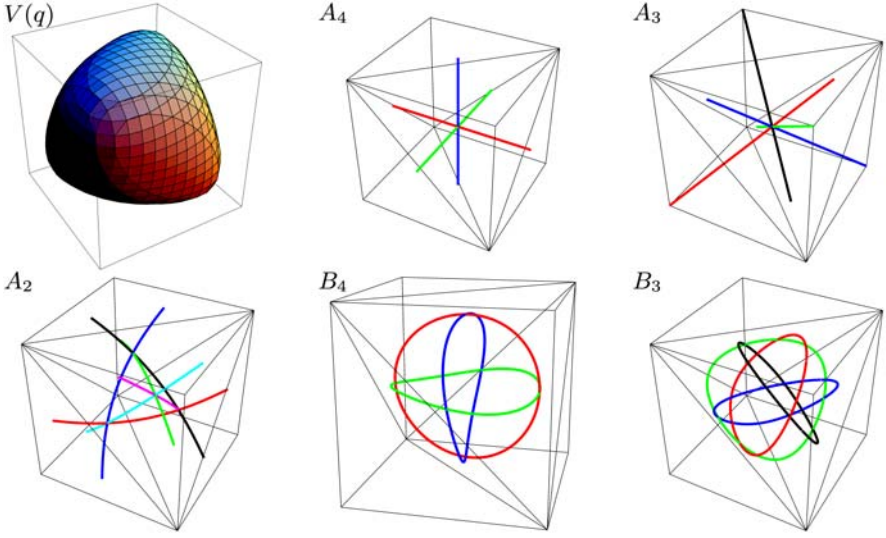
$$H(x, y, z, p_x, p_y, p_z) = \frac{1}{2}(p_x^2 + p_y^2 + p_z^2) + \epsilon^2 K_R [(x, y, z) \times (p_x, p_y, p_z)]^2 + \frac{1}{2}\mu_2 + \epsilon K_3 \mu_3 + \epsilon^2 K_4 \mu_4 + \epsilon^2 K_0 \mu_2^2 \quad (2.1)$$

where  $x, y, z$  are Cartesian coordinates in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ , and  $p_x, p_y, p_z$  are the corresponding conjugate momenta. The invariants  $\mu_2$ ,  $\mu_3$  and  $\mu_4$  are functions of  $(x, y, z)$  defined in lemma 1.5.  $(x, y, z)$  transform according to the *vector representation* of the orthogonal group  $O(3)$  of transformations of  $\mathbf{R}^3$ . The zero-order Hamiltonian in (2.1)

$$H_0(x, y, z, p_x, p_y, p_z) = \frac{1}{2}(p_x^2 + p_y^2 + p_z^2) + \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) \quad (2.2)$$

represents three harmonic oscillators with equal frequencies, that is, the 1:1:1 resonant (isotropic) harmonic oscillator. The dimensionless smallness parameter  $\epsilon$  characterizes the magnitude of the perturbation, while the parameters  $K_0$ ,  $K_3$ ,  $K_4$  and  $K_R$  give the relative strength of each perturbation term. We assume that these parameters are of the order of 1. Note that we use  $K_3$  in order to keep track of the contribution of the cubic potential term; in principle, this parameter can be absorbed into  $\epsilon$ .

The Hamiltonian system (2.1) is non-integrable for typical values of the parameters. We do not give a proof of the nonintegrability since such a proof is not really necessary in our context. However, direct computations for high degree  $T_d \times T$  invariant polynomials  $F(x, y, z, p_x, p_y, p_z)$  show that  $\{H_\epsilon, F\}$  does not vanish. Furthermore, numerical integration also reveals chaotic dynamics.



**Fig. 2.1** Qualitative representation of the equipotential surface of  $H$  (top left). Configuration space representation of the periodic orbits of the system with Hamiltonian  $H_\epsilon$  (2.1) that correspond to the critical points of  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$ . These periodic orbits have been computed for appropriate values of the parameters  $\epsilon, K_3, K_4, K_0$  in (2.1).

The natural starting point of the analysis of the family of systems with Hamiltonian (2.1) is near the linearization limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ . It is known from Lyapunov [79] that a non-resonant  $k$ -oscillator has exactly  $k$  families of periodic orbits near the limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ . According to a refinement of the Lyapunov theorem by Weinstein [127], a perturbed  $k$ -oscillator (resonant or non-resonant) with positive definite quadratic part has at least  $k$  families of short periodic orbits near this limit. These families are called *nonlinear normal modes*. The number and the properties of the modes depend primarily on the resonance and the symmetry of the perturbing nonlinear terms. The discrete symmetry gives the existence of a minimum number of nonlinear normal modes of the Hamiltonian system (2.1) which are special periodic solutions characterized by a nontrivial *isotropy group*  $\mathcal{G}$ , or *stabilizer*.  $\mathcal{G}$  is a subgroup of the total symmetry group of the system  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$ . Description of the subgroups  $\mathcal{G}$  is given in appendix A.1 and in more detail in [47].

In [91] Montaldi, Roberts, and Stewart study special short period solutions for a system which near  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  is equivalent to ours. Using their results we immediately obtain

**Theorem 2.1.** *The system with Hamiltonian (2.1) has at least 27 nonlinear normal modes which can be classified according to their stabilizers  $\mathcal{G} \subset T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  as follows.*

<i>conjugacy class of stabilizers</i>	<i>shorthand notation</i>	<i>number of modes</i>
$\mathcal{D}_{2d} \times \mathcal{T}$	$A_4$	3
$\mathcal{C}_{3v} \times \mathcal{T}$	$A_3$	4
$\mathcal{C}_{2v} \times \mathcal{T}$	$A_2$	6
$\mathcal{S}_4 \wedge \mathcal{T}_2$	$B_4$	6
$\mathcal{C}_3 \wedge \mathcal{T}_s$	$B_3$	8

The description of these stabilizers is given in appendix A.2.

*Remark 2.2.* We can also use the approach of [91, 92] to reconstruct qualitatively the nonlinear normal modes in theorem 2.1 using their isotropy groups. Figure 2.1 shows the projection of these periodic orbits in the configuration space  $\mathbf{R}^3$ . A detailed discussion can be found in appendix A.4, see also [48].

We determine the actual number of nonlinear normal modes for each member of the family (2.1) and we find situations where the Hamiltonian has more than the 27 nonlinear normal modes given by theorem 2.1. Computing the value of  $H_\epsilon$  (energy) for these modes and characterizing their linear stability we give a basic qualitative description of the whole parametric family (2.1).

### 2.1.2 Dynamical Symmetry. Relative Equilibria

An alternative proof of theorem 2.1 was suggested in [110] on the basis of the earlier work by Zhilinskiĭ [134]. In order to follow this latter approach we would like to recall a number of known facts which we formulate as lemmas.

**Lemma 2.3.** *For all  $n > 0$  the  $n$ -level set of the Hamiltonian  $H_0$  in (2.2) is a sphere  $\mathbf{S}_n^5 : \{\xi \in T^*\mathbf{R}^3, H_0(\xi) = h_0 = n > 0\} \subset T^*\mathbf{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}$ . All orbits of the flow  $\varphi_0 : (\mathbf{S}_n^5, t) \mapsto \mathbf{S}_n^5$  of the Hamiltonian vector field  $X_{H_0}$  are periodic with period  $2\pi$ . This flow defines a symmetry group  $\mathbf{S}^1$ . The action of this symmetry on  $T^*\mathbf{R}^3 \setminus \{0\}$  and on  $\mathbf{S}_n^5$  is free. The orbit space  $\mathbf{S}_n^5/\mathbf{S}^1$  is a complex projective 2-space  $\mathbf{CP}^2$ .*

**Proof.** Identify the phase space  $T^*\mathbf{R}^3$  with a complex 3-space  $\mathbf{C}^3$  with coordinates

$$w_1 = x + ip_x, \quad w_2 = y + ip_y, \quad \text{and } w_3 = z + ip_z \quad (2.3)$$

In these coordinates the equation

$$H_0 = \frac{1}{2}(w_1\bar{w}_1 + w_2\bar{w}_2 + w_3\bar{w}_3) = h_0 = n > 0$$

defines a sphere  $\mathbf{S}_n^5 \subset \mathbf{C}^3 \setminus \{0\}$  of radius  $\sqrt{2n}$ . The flow

$$\varphi_0 : (w, \bar{w}; t) \rightarrow (e^{it}w, e^{-it}\bar{w}) \quad (2.4)$$

is, obviously, diagonal, and all orbits are circles  $\mathbf{S}_n^1$  of radius  $\sqrt{2n}$ . The quotient space  $\mathbf{S}_n^5/\mathbf{S}_n^1$  is obtained by identifying points in each  $\mathbf{S}_n^1 \subset \mathbf{S}_n^5$  orbit. We come to one of the standard definitions of the complex projective space. See an appropriate textbook, for example [95].  $\square$

We denote by  $\mathbf{CP}^2(n)$  the orbit space of  $H_0$  for the level set  $H_0^{-1}(n)$ ,  $n > 0$ . A convenient way to parameterize  $\mathbf{CP}^2(n)$  globally is by using polynomial invariants of the flow  $\varphi_0$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** *The quadratic invariants of the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action  $\varphi_0$  (2.4) are*

$$\nu_1 = \frac{1}{2}w_1\bar{w}_1, \quad \nu_2 = \frac{1}{2}w_2\bar{w}_2, \quad \nu_3 = \frac{1}{2}w_3\bar{w}_3, \quad (2.5a)$$

$$\sigma_1 = \operatorname{Re}(w_2\bar{w}_3), \quad \sigma_2 = \operatorname{Re}(w_3\bar{w}_1), \quad \sigma_3 = \operatorname{Re}(w_1\bar{w}_2), \quad (2.5b)$$

$$\tau_1 = \operatorname{Im}(w_2\bar{w}_3), \quad \tau_2 = \operatorname{Im}(w_3\bar{w}_1), \quad \tau_3 = \operatorname{Im}(w_1\bar{w}_2), \quad (2.5c)$$

Except for the relation

$$\Sigma_0 = \nu_1 + \nu_2 + \nu_3 - n = 0, \quad (2.6a)$$

which fixes the level set  $H_0^{-1}(n)$ , these invariants are linearly independent. They satisfy nine algebraic relations  $\Sigma_k = 0$ , called syzygies of the first order, where

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_1 &= 4\nu_2\nu_3 - \sigma_1^2 - \tau_1^2, & \Sigma_4 &= 2\nu_1\sigma_1 - \sigma_2\sigma_3 + \tau_2\tau_3, & \Sigma_7 &= 2\nu_1\tau_1 + \sigma_2\tau_3 + \tau_2\sigma_3, \\ \Sigma_2 &= 4\nu_3\nu_1 - \sigma_2^2 - \tau_2^2, & \Sigma_5 &= 2\nu_2\sigma_2 - \sigma_3\sigma_1 + \tau_3\tau_1, & \Sigma_8 &= 2\nu_2\tau_2 + \sigma_3\tau_1 + \tau_3\sigma_1, \\ \Sigma_3 &= 4\nu_1\nu_2 - \sigma_3^2 - \tau_3^2, & \Sigma_6 &= 2\nu_3\sigma_3 - \sigma_1\sigma_2 + \tau_1\tau_2, & \Sigma_9 &= 2\nu_3\tau_3 + \sigma_1\tau_2 + \tau_1\sigma_2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6b)$$

The syzygies (2.6) are themselves not algebraically independent.

The following two lemmas show why invariants (2.5) are used extensively in the reduction of the oscillator symmetry (2.4).

**Lemma 2.5.** *We can represent the points on  $\mathbf{CP}^2(n)$ , i.e., the orbits of the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action in (2.4) using  $(\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3; \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3; \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3)$  where the 9 parameters satisfy relations (2.6).*

**Lemma 2.6.** *Any  $\mathbf{S}^1$  invariant smooth function  $\mathbf{C}^3 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is a smooth function of basic quadratic invariants (2.5). In particular, any  $\mathbf{S}^1$  invariant polynomial can be expressed uniquely in terms of an integrity basis. One possible choice of such basis is*

$$\mathbf{R}[n, \nu_1 - \nu_2, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3] \bullet \{1, \nu_3, \nu_3^2, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3\}.$$

Here  $\mathbf{R}[\dots]$  is the ring generated freely by the principal invariants listed within the square brackets; auxiliary invariants listed within the curly brackets can enter only linearly, so that the whole ring can be represented as follows.

$$\mathbf{R}[n, \nu_1 - \nu_2, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3] \cdot 1 + \mathbf{R}[n, \nu_1 - \nu_2, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3] \cdot \nu_3 + \dots$$

**Proof.** This lemma follows from a standard Gröbner basis computation and Schwarz's theorem [113]. The structure of the polynomial ring is described by the following Molien generating function (cf. remark 1.3)

$$g(\lambda) = \frac{1 + 4\lambda + \lambda^2}{(1 - \lambda)^5} \quad (2.7)$$

where  $\lambda$  represents any of generators in (2.5), see more in [48].  $\square$

**Lemma 2.7.** *Invariants (2.5) generate a Poisson algebra  $\mathfrak{u}(3)$  with  $n = \nu_1 + \nu_2 + \nu_3$  one of its Casimirs. The ring of invariant polynomials, generated multiplicatively by (2.5), can therefore be equipped with a Poisson structure. This structure is used to define Hamiltonian dynamical systems on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$ .*

**Proof.** The Poisson bracket  $\{, \}$  of any two invariants in (2.5) is  $\mathbf{S}^1$  invariant. By lemma 2.6 it can be expressed in terms of (2.5). Moreover, since (2.5) are all quadratic in  $(x, y, z, p_x, p_y, p_z)$ , the brackets are linear in (2.5). The concrete Poisson structure is found straightforwardly by computing  $\{, \}$  in the coordinates  $(x, y, z, p_x, p_y, p_z)$ . The brackets satisfy relations of  $\mathfrak{u}(3)$ . Note that if we set  $n$  to a specific value greater than 0, then the algebra spanned by the linearly independent invariants (2.5) is isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{su}(3)$ .  $\square$

Near the limit of linearization  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  the perturbed Hamiltonian  $H_\epsilon$  in (2.1) is approximately invariant with respect to the flow  $\varphi_0$  in lemma 2.3. Near  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  we can *normalize*  $H_\epsilon$  with respect to  $H_0$  and make this approximate dynamical symmetry exact. After normalization we obtain a formal series  $\tilde{H}_\epsilon$  such that  $\{\tilde{H}_\epsilon, H_0\} = 0$ . In practice we truncate  $\tilde{H}_\epsilon$  at some finite order.

**Definition 2.8.** *The relative equilibria (RE) are periodic orbits of the normalized system with Hamiltonian  $\tilde{H}_\epsilon$  in  $T^*\mathbf{R}^3$  which are also group orbits of the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action in lemma 2.3.*

RE are also sometimes called *short periodic orbits*, i.e., periodic orbits with period close to  $2\pi$ , or *basic orbits*.

To *reduce* the now exact  $\mathbf{S}^1$  symmetry of  $\tilde{H}_\epsilon$ , we pass from the original phase space  $T^*\mathbf{R}^3$  to the space  $\mathbf{CP}^2(n)$  of  $\mathbf{S}_n^1$  orbits or the *reduced space* as follows. Since  $\{\tilde{H}_\epsilon, H_0\} = 0$ , the value of  $\tilde{H}_\epsilon$  on each orbit of  $H_0$  is constant. This means that we can properly define a function  $\hat{H}_\epsilon$  on the phase space  $\mathbf{CP}^2(n)$  of  $H_0$  by assigning to each  $\mathbf{S}_n^1$  orbit of  $H_0$  the value of  $\tilde{H}_\epsilon$  on any point of the orbit. We call the Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}_\epsilon$  on  $\mathbf{CP}^2(n)$  the *reduced Hamiltonian*. Reduction results in a 2-DOF system on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  or the *reduced system*. By lemma 2.7, this system is a Poisson dynamical system with Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}_\epsilon$  expressed (uniquely) in terms of the invariants (2.5) and the integrity basis in lemma 2.6.

**Lemma 2.9.** *After reduction of the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  symmetry, the RE of the normalized Hamiltonian  $\tilde{H}_\epsilon$  are reduced to equilibria of the reduced system with Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}_\epsilon$  on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$ . A relative equilibrium of  $\tilde{H}_\epsilon$  and the corresponding equilibrium of  $\hat{H}_\epsilon$  have the same type of linear Hamiltonian stability and the same isotropy group.*

The normal form of (2.1) is a formal power series whose orders are ‘tracked’ by the degrees of the smallness parameter  $\epsilon$ . Since this series diverges for typical values of parameters in (2.1), it is *truncated* at the order of interest, which is in our case the principle order  $\epsilon^2$ . At this order  $\hat{H}_\epsilon$  is a Morse function on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  for typical values of the parameters.

As is well known (see for example Appendix 7 of [10]), the system described by such truncated normal form  $\hat{H}_\epsilon$  and the original system are profoundly different. At the same time, it is possible to use  $\hat{H}_\epsilon$  to analyze the short time average behavior of the original system, and in particular its short periodic orbits. The adequateness (validity) of the truncated normal form approximation for the study of orbits of a given short period is clearly limited by the value of  $\epsilon$  which should be sufficiently small. [Note that decreasing  $\epsilon$  is equivalent to decreasing energy and approaching the equilibrium  $x = y = z = 0$  of (2.1) where  $H = 0$ .] This makes  $\hat{H}_\epsilon$  particularly suited for the analysis of the nonlinear normal modes which exist and can be studied anywhere close to the limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

**Lemma 2.10.** *For small enough  $\epsilon$ , non-degenerate equilibria of the reduced system (and therefore also RE of the normalized system with Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}_\epsilon$ ) correspond to the nonlinear normal modes of the original system with Hamiltonian (2.1).*

*Remark 2.11.* It is important to notice that this correspondence is only valid when the reduced Hamiltonian is a Morse function. If it is not, then we have to truncate the normal form at a higher order in order to resolve the degeneracy. This is exactly the same as the problem of the critical inclination in the Hénon-Heiles Hamiltonian, see the discussion on page 14.

The correspondence between the RE of the normalized system and the nonlinear normal modes is used in many applications. In particular this was discussed in detail by Duistermaat in [39] who uncovers the relation of normalization near the equilibrium and Lyapunov-Schmidt reduction.

We conclude that the study of the nonlinear normal modes of the system with Hamiltonian (2.1) becomes the study of the equilibria of the reduced system, i.e. of the stationary points of the appropriately truncated reduced Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}_\epsilon$ .

### 2.1.3 Symmetry and Topology

In order to describe qualitatively the systems with Hamiltonian (2.1) in terms of their nonlinear normal modes, we find the equilibria of Hamiltonians  $\hat{H}_\epsilon$  on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  (and hence the relative equilibria of the normalized system) and characterize them in terms of their energy and linear stability type. When searching for the stationary points of  $\hat{H}_\epsilon$  we account for the action of  $T_d \times T$  on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  and the topology of this space.

Consider the action of a compact or finite group  $\mathcal{G}$  on a manifold  $M$ . The isotropy group (or *stabilizer*) of  $m \in M$  is the subgroup  $\mathcal{G}_m$  of elements of  $\mathcal{G}$  that leave  $m$  fixed. A point  $m \in M$  is called a *fixed point* of the  $\mathcal{G}$  action when  $\mathcal{G}_m = \mathcal{G}$ , that is, when it is fixed by all the elements of  $\mathcal{G}$ . The  $\mathcal{G}$ -orbit of  $m$  is the set  $\mathcal{G} \cdot m = \{g \cdot m : g \in \mathcal{G}\}$ . We are primarily interested in points  $m_c \in M$

such that there is a neighborhood of  $m_c$  in which there are no points  $m$  with isotropy group  $\mathcal{G}_m$  which belongs to the same conjugacy class in  $\mathcal{G}$  as  $\mathcal{G}_{m_c}$  (in the case of a finite group like  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  it is enough to demand that  $\mathcal{G}_m \neq \mathcal{G}_{m_c}$ ). We call such points  $m_c$  and the orbit  $\mathcal{G} \cdot m_c$  *critical*. For more details see, for example, [87]. The importance of the critical points is due to the following theorem by Louis Michel [86]:

**Theorem 2.12 (Michel).** *Critical points of the action of a group  $\mathcal{G}$  on a smooth manifold  $M$  are stationary points of every smooth,  $\mathcal{G}$ -invariant function  $H$  on  $M$ .*

Consequently, the analysis of the critical points of the  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  group action on the reduced space  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  provides a number of relative equilibria of the normalized system and by lemma 2.10, nonlinear normal modes of the original system with Hamiltonian (2.1). A concrete study of this action results in the following conclusion (Zhilinskiĭ [134], see also [110], [47,48] and appendix A.1).

**Theorem 2.13.** *The action of  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  induced by the action of  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  on  $T^*\mathbf{R}^3 \sim \mathbf{C}^3$  has 27 critical (i.e., isolated fixed) points grouped into five critical orbits with the conjugacy classes of stabilizers given in theorem 2.1. Table 2.1 presents the position of these points on  $\mathbf{CP}^2(n)$  characterized by the values of the invariants (2.5).*

*Remark 2.14.* Table A.3 of appendix A.1 lists the isotropy groups of the 27 points in theorem 2.13. Isotropy groups of the points in the same critical orbit of the  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  action are conjugate in  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$ . These points are equivalent: dynamics in their neighborhood is identically the same, so it is usually sufficient to study one representative of each critical orbit. We denote different points of the same critical orbit by a superscript; we drop this index when referring to the entire orbit or when our results apply identically to all points in the orbit.

**Proof of theorem 2.1.** We rely on lemma 2.10 in order to establish the correspondence of the nonlinear normal modes of the initial system with Hamiltonian (2.1) and the nondegenerate equilibria of the reduced system near the limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ . We then use the theorem of Michel and theorem 2.13.  $\square$

Consider a smooth Hamiltonian function  $\mathcal{H} : \mathbf{CP}^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  whose stationary points are nondegenerate. We call  $\mathcal{H}$  a *Morse type Hamiltonian*. The isotropy group of a stationary point  $c$  of  $\mathcal{H}$  restricts the possible types of linear Hamiltonian stability and Morse index of  $c$ . Recall that linear stability is given by the eigenvalues of the  $4 \times 4$  Hamiltonian matrix which describes the linearized equations of motion near  $c \in \mathbf{CP}^2$ , while the Morse index of  $c$  is the number of negative eigenvalues of the Hessian matrix of the Hamiltonian at  $c$ . Depending on the eigenvalues of this matrix we will distinguish six linear stability types

EE, HH, EH, CH, 2E, 2H, described in appendix B.1.



**Table 2.1** Critical points of the  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  action on  $\mathbf{CP}^2(n)$ . Coordinates are given as  $(\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3; \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3; \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3)$  with  $\alpha = 1/2$ ,  $\beta = \sqrt{3}/2$ ,  $\bar{\alpha} = -1/2$ ,  $\bar{\beta} = -\sqrt{3}/2$  and  $\bar{1} = -1$ .

Point	Coordinates on $\mathbf{CP}_n^2$	Point	Coordinates on $\mathbf{CP}_n^2$
$A_4^x$	$n(1, 0, 0; 0, 0, 0; 0, 0, 0)$	$B_4^x$	$n(0, \alpha, \alpha; 0, 0, 0; 1, 0, 0)$
$A_4^y$	$n(0, 1, 0; 0, 0, 0; 0, 0, 0)$	$B_4^{\bar{x}}$	$n(0, \alpha, \alpha; 0, 0, 0; \bar{1}, 0, 0)$
$A_4^z$	$n(0, 0, 1; 0, 0, 0; 0, 0, 0)$	$B_4^y$	$n(\alpha, 0, \alpha; 0, 0, 0; 0, 1, 0)$
$A_3^a$	$\frac{2n}{3}(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha; 1, 1, 1; 0, 0, 0)$	$B_4^{\bar{y}}$	$n(\alpha, 0, \alpha; 0, 0, 0; 0, \bar{1}, 0)$
$A_3^b$	$\frac{2n}{3}(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha; \bar{1}, \bar{1}, \bar{1}; 0, 0, 0)$	$B_4^z$	$n(\alpha, \alpha, 0; 0, 0, 0; 0, 0, 1)$
$A_3^c$	$\frac{2n}{3}(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha; 1, \bar{1}, \bar{1}; 0, 0, 0)$	$B_4^{\bar{z}}$	$n(\alpha, \alpha, 0; 0, 0, 0; 0, 0, \bar{1})$
$A_3^d$	$\frac{2n}{3}(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha; \bar{1}, 1, \bar{1}; 0, 0, 0)$	$B_3^a$	$\frac{2n}{3}(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha; \bar{\alpha}, \bar{\alpha}, \bar{\alpha}; \beta, \beta, \beta)$
$A_2^x$	$n(0, \alpha, \alpha; 1, 0, 0; 0, 0, 0)$	$B_3^{\bar{a}}$	$\frac{2n}{3}(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha; \bar{\alpha}, \bar{\alpha}, \bar{\alpha}; \bar{\beta}, \bar{\beta}, \bar{\beta})$
$A_2^{\bar{x}}$	$n(0, \alpha, \alpha; \bar{1}, 0, 0; 0, 0, 0)$	$B_3^b$	$\frac{2n}{3}(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha; \alpha, \alpha, \bar{\alpha}; \beta, \beta, \bar{\beta})$
$A_2^y$	$n(\alpha, 0, \alpha; 0, 1, 0; 0, 0, 0)$	$B_3^{\bar{b}}$	$\frac{2n}{3}(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha; \alpha, \alpha, \bar{\alpha}; \bar{\beta}, \bar{\beta}, \beta)$
$A_2^{\bar{y}}$	$n(\alpha, 0, \alpha; 0, \bar{1}, 0; 0, 0, 0)$	$B_3^c$	$\frac{2n}{3}(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha; \bar{\alpha}, \alpha, \alpha; \bar{\beta}, \beta, \beta)$
$A_2^z$	$n(\alpha, \alpha, 0; 0, 0, 1; 0, 0, 0)$	$B_3^{\bar{c}}$	$\frac{2n}{3}(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha; \bar{\alpha}, \alpha, \alpha; \beta, \bar{\beta}, \bar{\beta})$
$A_2^{\bar{z}}$	$n(\alpha, \alpha, 0; 0, 0, \bar{1}; 0, 0, 0)$	$B_3^d$	$\frac{2n}{3}(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha; \alpha, \bar{\alpha}, \alpha; \beta, \bar{\beta}, \beta)$
		$B_3^{\bar{d}}$	$\frac{2n}{3}(\alpha, \alpha, \alpha; \alpha, \bar{\alpha}, \alpha; \bar{\beta}, \beta, \bar{\beta})$

**Theorem 2.15.** *The critical points of the  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  action on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  listed in theorem 2.13 are equilibria of any  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$ -invariant Morse type Hamiltonian function on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$ . They can have the following linear Hamiltonian stability types and Morse indices.*

<i>critical orbit</i>	<i>stability</i>	<i>index</i>		<i>critical orbit</i>	<i>stability</i>	<i>index</i>			
$\mathcal{D}_{2d} \times \mathcal{T}$	$A_4$	3	$2E$	$0, 4$	$\mathcal{S}_4 \wedge \mathcal{T}_2$	$B_4$	6	$EE$	$0, 2, 4$
			$2H$	2				$EH$	1, 3
$\mathcal{C}_{3v} \times \mathcal{T}$	$A_3$	4	$2E$	$0, 4$	$\mathcal{C}_3 \wedge \mathcal{T}_s$	$B_3$	8	$EE, CH$	$0, 2, 4$
			$2H$	2					
$\mathcal{C}_{2v} \times \mathcal{T}$	$A_2$	6	$EE$	$0, 2, 4$					
			$EH$	1, 3					
			$HH$	2					

**Proof.** See [47] for the part about the possible types of linear stability and B.2 about the Morse index.  $\square$

Theorem 2.15 is a local statement which concerns an open neighborhood  $D_c \subset \mathbf{CP}^2$  of each critical point  $c$  of the  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  action on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$ . This far we have no information whether the set of stationary points characterized in theorems 2.13 and 2.15 is complete. This information can only be obtained from the global (topological) analysis. Note, that we already used the topology of this space in order to find the action of  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  (initially defined on  $\mathbf{R}_{x,y,z}^3$ ) on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  and of the isotropy group  $\mathcal{G}_c$  of  $c$  on  $D_c$ . In B.2 we summarize how *Morse theory* [88, 93] is applied in order to check the consistency of any set of stationary points using the Morse inequalities (four inequalities and

one equality) imposed by the topology of  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  on the number and types of stationary points of Morse functions  $\mathcal{H}$ . In particular we can determine if it is possible for a  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$ -invariant Morse function  $\mathcal{H}$  to have stationary points solely at the critical points of the  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  action in theorem 2.13.

**Definition 2.16.** *A simplest (or perfect)  $\mathcal{G}$ -invariant Morse function on a manifold  $M$  is one that has the minimal possible number of non-degenerate stationary points.*

Note that, in general, there is no guarantee that all the stationary points of a perfect function lie on critical orbits of the  $\mathcal{G}$ -action. In our case we have

**Lemma 2.17.** *The simplest  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$ -invariant Morse Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{H}$  on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  has 27 equilibria which are critical points of the  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  action in theorems 2.13 and 2.15. In this case the six  $A_2$  and six  $B_4$  stationary points of  $\mathcal{H}$  are of odd Morse index and have stability EH.*

**Proof.** According to theorem 2.15, points  $A_3$ ,  $A_4$ , and  $B_3$  are of even Morse index. The 27 points can have the right Morse indexes to give the Euler characteristic of  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  only if  $A_2$  and  $B_4$  are of odd Morse index.  $\square$

The linear stability types of the nonlinear normal modes in theorem 2.1 correspond to the stability types in theorem 2.15. In the simplest possible case, the system with Hamiltonian (2.1) has exactly 27 families of periodic orbits near the limit of linearization.

*Remark 2.18.* Morse theory provides necessary conditions that must be satisfied by the stationary points of any Morse function on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$ . At the same time, even when a set of known stationary points of a Morse function  $\mathcal{H}$  obeys all these conditions,  $\mathcal{H}$  can still have other stationary points.

A more complete consistency check of a known system of stationary points of a  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  invariant Morse function  $\mathcal{H}$  on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  requires satisfying Morse inequalities not only for  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  but also for all  $\mathcal{G}$  invariant subspaces of  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  with  $\mathcal{G}$  a subgroup of  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$ .

## 2.2 One-Parameter Classification

Theorem 2.1 has already highlighted the important consequences of the presence of the additional finite symmetry  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$ . The next lemma shows that this symmetry causes important modifications of the standard  $\mathbf{S}^1$ -invariant polynomial basis in lemma 2.6.

**Lemma 2.19.** *Consider the most general  $(T_d \times \mathcal{T}) \times \mathbf{S}^1$ -invariant polynomials  $P_k(w, \bar{w})$  of degree  $k$  in variables  $(w, \bar{w})$ . Then  $P_k = 0$  if  $k$  is odd, and*

$$P_2 = c'n = c'(\nu_1 + \nu_2 + \nu_3) \quad (2.8a)$$

$$P_4 = cn^2 + a(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2) + b(\tau_1^2 + \tau_2^2 + \tau_3^2) \quad (2.8b)$$

where  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $c'$  are arbitrary constants.

**Proof.** The action of  $O(3) \times \mathcal{T}$  and its subgroup  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  on the polynomials (2.5) can be found by direct computation, see appendix A.1 and [47, 48]. In particular we can verify that all  $\mathbf{S}^1$ -invariants in (2.5) are invariant with respect to spatial inversion, and that

$$n, \quad (\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3), \quad \text{and} \quad \left( \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3, \frac{3\nu_3 - n}{\sqrt{3}}, n_1 - n_2 \right)$$

transform according to the irreducible representations of  $O(3)$  of indexes  $0_g$ ,  $1_g$  and  $2_g$  respectively. In other words,  $n$  and  $(\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3)$  transform as a scalar and an axial 3-vector respectively. We can also easily verify that

$$T : (\nu, \sigma, \tau) \rightarrow (\nu, \sigma, -\tau).$$

Knowing the action of  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$ , we can further symmetrize the basis in lemma 2.6. In particular we obtain the Molien generating function

$$g(\lambda) = \frac{1 + \lambda^3 + \lambda^4 + \lambda^5 + \lambda^6 + \lambda^9}{(1 - \lambda)(1 - \lambda^2)^2(1 - \lambda^3)(1 - \lambda^4)} \quad (2.9)$$

which describes the symmetrized integrity basis, see [48]. The symmetrized invariants have high degrees in generators (2.5) : of the five denominator factors in (2.9), which describe principal invariants,  $(1 - \lambda)$  corresponds to  $n$ , while  $(1 - \lambda^2)^2$  represents two invariants of degree two in generators (2.5). Direct computation shows that  $\tau^2 = \tau_1^2 + \tau_2^2 + \tau_3^2$  and  $\sigma^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2$  are  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  invariant and can be chosen as these two invariants. The function (2.9) indicates that there are no other principal or auxiliary invariants of this degree.  $\square$

*Remark 2.20.* The 3-vector  $\tau = (\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3)$  is the angular momentum vector. Both  $n$  and  $\tau^2 = \tau_1^2 + \tau_2^2 + \tau_3^2$  are totally symmetric with respect to the larger group  $O(3) \times \mathcal{T}$ . The only term in (2.8) which represents  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  symmetry is  $\sigma^2$ .

We now come to a central result which provides the basis for the classification of generic tetrahedral Hamiltonians.

**Theorem 2.21.** *All  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$ -invariant reduced Hamiltonians on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  with terms of order at most  $\epsilon^2$  can be characterized using a single parameter.*

**Proof.** According to lemma 2.19,  $\tilde{H}_\epsilon$  has the form  $P_2 + \epsilon^2 P_4 + \dots$ . Since  $\{H_0, \tilde{H}_\epsilon\} = 0$ ,  $H_0$  is replaced by its value  $n$  when we define the reduced Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}_\epsilon$ . Then, up to the constant  $c'n + \epsilon^2 cn^2$  and the overall scaling factor of  $\epsilon^2$ , we have

$$\hat{H} = K_s(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2) + K_t(\tau_1^2 + \tau_2^2 + \tau_3^2) + \dots \quad (2.10)$$

It remains to verify that the family of systems (2.1) is generic in the sense that for practically all members of this family  $K_s^2 + K_t^2 \neq 0$ . (For the exceptional members we would have to normalize to higher orders.) This is done in section 2.3 after computing explicitly the normal form  $\tilde{H}_\epsilon$  of (2.1).

In the generic situation when  $R = (K_s^2 + K_t^2)^{1/2} > 0$  we can define a one-parameter family by setting  $K_s = R \sin \theta$  and  $K_t = R \cos \theta$  and rescaling the reduced Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}$  in (2.10) by  $R$ . Then

$$\hat{H} = \sin \theta (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2) + \cos \theta (\tau_1^2 + \tau_2^2 + \tau_3^2) + \cdots, \quad (2.11)$$

where in general,  $\theta$  can take any value in  $[0, 2\pi)$ . Systems with the same value of  $\theta$  but different values of  $R$  have qualitatively the same dynamics but different time scales. Specifically, for smaller  $R$  dynamics is slower.  $\square$

*Remark 2.22.* Lemma 2.19 and theorem 2.21 apply, in fact, to a larger family of systems with an extended Hamiltonian  $H_\epsilon + W_\epsilon(x, y, z, p_x, p_y, p_z)$ , where  $H_\epsilon$  is defined in (2.1), and  $W_\epsilon$  is a general  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$ -invariant  $\epsilon$ -series perturbation of degree 3 or higher in all dynamical variables  $(x, y, z, p_x, p_y, p_z)$ .

To continue classifying reduced systems with Hamiltonian (2.11) and respective original systems with Hamiltonian (2.1) we restrict our attention to the class of Hamiltonians (2.1) for which the truncation of the reduced system to order  $\epsilon^2$  gives accurate information about its nonlinear normal modes. We use the equivalence relation which takes into account only the families of relative equilibria and respective nonlinear normal modes.

**Definition 2.23.** *Consider the system with Hamiltonian  $H_\epsilon$  (2.1) and the respective reduced system with Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}_\epsilon$  truncated at the principal order  $\epsilon^2$ .  $H_\epsilon$  is called  $\epsilon^2$ -generic (or simply generic) if its nonlinear normal modes are in 1-1 correspondence to the equilibria of  $\hat{H}_\epsilon$  in terms of linear stability and isotropy group, and  $\hat{H}_\epsilon$  is a Morse function on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$ .*

In this work we consider only  $\epsilon^2$ -generic systems with Hamiltonian (2.1). In order to characterize all such systems we can study all possible sets of stationary points  $\xi \in \mathbf{CP}^2(n)$  of the reduced Hamiltonian (2.11). The symmetry properties of  $\xi$  can be obtained from the study of the action of  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  on  $\mathbf{CP}^2(n)$ . The stability of  $\xi$  is given by the four eigenvalues  $(\pm\lambda_1, \pm\lambda_2)$  of the Hamiltonian matrix of the locally linearized Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}|_\xi$ . We also use the eigenvalues of the Hessian matrix to compute the Morse index of  $\xi$ .

*Remark 2.24.* It is sufficient to study (2.11) for  $\theta \in [0, \pi)$  because  $\hat{H}(\theta + \pi) = -\hat{H}(\theta)$ . Both Hamiltonian and Hessian matrices change signs when  $\theta \rightarrow \theta + \pi$ . This does not affect stability (since both  $\lambda$  and  $-\lambda$  are eigenvalues). On the other hand, if the Morse index for  $\theta$  is  $d$  then for  $\theta + \pi$  it becomes  $4 - d$ .

We like to point out that our classification has both qualitative and quantitative aspects. We will find several different classes of  $\epsilon^2$  generic systems with

Hamiltonian (2.1). At the same time we represent all systems in the same class as a continuous one-parameter family and describe quantitatively the evolution of their relative equilibria as the parameter varies.

## 2.3 Normalization and Reduction

Normalization is the first step of the concrete study of systems with Hamiltonian  $H_\epsilon$  in (2.1). This well known procedure can be performed using the Lie series method [36, 63, 83]. To the second order terms  $\epsilon^2$  we obtain the normalized Hamiltonian

$$\tilde{H}_\epsilon(w, \bar{w}) = \tilde{H}_0(w, \bar{w}) + \epsilon^2 \tilde{H}_2(w, \bar{w}) , \quad (2.12a)$$

where variables  $(w, \bar{w})$  are given in (2.3),  $\tilde{H}_0(w, \bar{w}) = H_0(w, \bar{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum w_i \bar{w}_i$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{H}_2(w, \bar{w}) = & \frac{3}{8}(K_0 + K_4)(w_1^2 \bar{w}_1^2 + w_2^2 \bar{w}_2^2 + w_3^2 \bar{w}_3^2) \\ & + \frac{1}{24}(12K_0 - K_3^2 + 12K_R)(w_1 \bar{w}_1 w_2 \bar{w}_2 + w_2 \bar{w}_2 w_3 \bar{w}_3 + w_3 \bar{w}_3 w_1 \bar{w}_1) \\ & + \frac{1}{32}(4K_0 - K_3^2 - 8K_R)(w_1^2 \bar{w}_2^2 + \bar{w}_1^2 w_2^2 + w_2^2 \bar{w}_3^2 + \bar{w}_2^2 w_3^2 + w_3^2 \bar{w}_1^2 + \bar{w}_3^2 w_1^2) \end{aligned} \quad (2.12b)$$

Reduction of the Hamiltonian (2.12) gives

$$\hat{H}_\epsilon = \hat{H}_0 + \epsilon^2 \hat{H}_2 \quad (2.13a)$$

where

$$\hat{H}_0 = \nu_1 + \nu_2 + \nu_3 = n \quad (2.13b)$$

$$\hat{H}_2 = \frac{3}{2}(K_4 + K_0)n^2 + K_s(\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2) + K_t(\tau_1^2 + \tau_2^2 + \tau_3^2) \quad (2.13c)$$

with

$$K_s = (-5K_3^2 - 36K_4)/48, \quad K_t = (K_3^2 - 36K_4 - 24K_0 + 48K_R)/48 . \quad (2.13d)$$

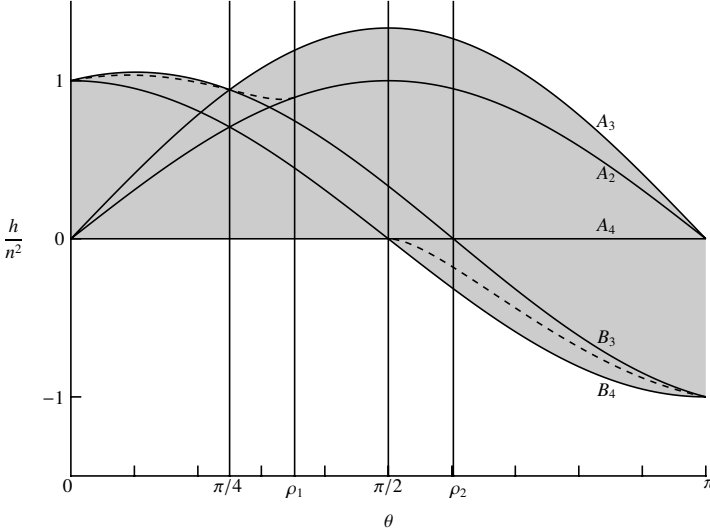
Ignoring the constant terms in  $\hat{H}_\epsilon$  and rescaling by  $\epsilon^2$  we arrive at the Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}$  in (2.10). Furthermore, since  $K_0$ ,  $K_3$ ,  $K_4$  and  $K_R$  can take arbitrary values (of order 1) we can rewrite  $\hat{H}$  in the one-parameter form  $\hat{H}(\theta)$  in (2.11), where  $0 \leq \theta < \pi$ .

*Remark 2.25.* There are two values of  $\theta$  at which the reduced system with Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}(\theta)$  has a large Lie group of symmetries and is Liouville integrable:

value of $\theta$	first integrals	symmetry
0	$n, \tau_1^2 + \tau_2^2 + \tau_3^2, \tau_3$	O(3)
$\pi/4$	$\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3$	SU(3)

## 2.4 Relative Equilibria Corresponding to Critical Points

We study the equilibria of the reduced system with Hamiltonian (2.11) which are critical points of the  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  action on  $\mathbf{CP}^2(n)$ .



**Fig. 2.2** Scaled energy  $h/n^2$  of the stationary points of  $\hat{H}$  (2.11) as a function of the parameter  $\theta$ . The dashed curve marks the energy of the  $C_s$  point (see sec. 2.5).

**Lemma 2.26.** *The nonlinear normal modes in theorem 2.1 correspond to the relative equilibria (RE) of the normalized system with Hamiltonian (2.1). On the phase space  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  of the corresponding reduced system, these RE are critical points of the action of the symmetry group  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  given in theorem 2.13. The principal terms in the energy–action characteristics for these modes are given below.*

conjugacy class of stabilizers	shorthand notation	number of modes	energy $\hat{H}(n, \theta)$
$\mathcal{D}_{2d} \times \mathcal{T}$	$A_4$	3	0
$\mathcal{C}_{3v} \times \mathcal{T}$	$A_3$	4	$\frac{4}{3}n^2 \sin \theta$
$\mathcal{C}_{2v} \times \mathcal{T}$	$A_2$	6	$n^2 \sin \theta$
$\mathcal{S}_4 \wedge \mathcal{T}_2$	$B_4$	6	$n^2 \cos \theta$
$\mathcal{C}_3 \wedge \mathcal{T}_s$	$B_3$	8	$\frac{1}{3}n^2(\sin \theta + 3 \cos \theta)$

Note that  $n$  is equal to the action  $I = \oint p dq$  computed along the respective periodic orbit, and  $\theta$  is defined in the proof of theorem 2.21. For the members of the family of systems with Hamiltonian (2.1), the absolute maximum and minimum accessible energy  $E_{\max}(n)$  and  $E_{\min}(n)$  for a given fixed action  $n$

can be estimated as follows:  $E_{\min} = E_{A_4}$  and  $E_{\min} = E_{B_4}$  in the regions  $\theta \in [0, \frac{1}{2}\pi]$  and  $\theta \in [\frac{1}{2}\pi, \pi]$  respectively, while  $E_{\max} = E_{B_3}$  and  $E_{\max} = E_{A_3}$  in the regions  $\theta \in [0, \frac{1}{4}\pi]$  and  $\theta \in [\frac{1}{4}\pi, \pi]$  respectively.

**Proof.** We find the energy for each type of RE by substituting the coordinates in table 2.1 into (2.11). Figure 2.2 and table 2.2 present the result. We now prove that  $\hat{H}/n^2$  takes the values represented by the gray shaded region in fig. 2.2. We do this in a number of steps. First, note that when  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/2$  we have  $\sin \theta \geq 0$  and  $\cos \theta \geq 0$ , therefore  $\hat{H} \geq 0 = \hat{H}_{A_4}$  in that region.

Let  $\nu^2 \equiv \nu_1^2 + \nu_2^2 + \nu_3^2$ ,  $\sigma^2 \equiv \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_3^2$  and  $\tau^2 \equiv \tau_1^2 + \tau_2^2 + \tau_3^2$ . From (2.6a) we find that  $\nu^2 \geq n^2/3$ . In the region  $\pi/4 \leq \theta \leq \pi$  we express  $\hat{H}$  as  $\hat{H} = \sin \theta(\sigma^2 + \tau^2) + (\cos \theta - \sin \theta)\tau^2$ . Using the syzygies (2.6) we find that  $\sigma^2 + \tau^2 = 2(n^2 - \nu^2)$  and since  $\nu^2 \geq n^2/3$  we get  $\sigma^2 + \tau^2 \leq 4n^2/3$ . Also when  $\pi/4 \leq \theta \leq \pi$  we have  $\cos \theta - \sin \theta \leq 0$ . Therefore  $\hat{H} \leq \sin \theta(\sigma^2 + \tau^2) \leq 4n^2 \sin \theta/3 = \hat{H}_{A_3}$ .

In order to complete the argument we need to show that  $\tau^2 \leq n^2$ . By remark 2.20, any rotation in the original phase space  $T^*\mathbf{R}^3$  leaves  $\tau^2$  unchanged. Note also that the form of the syzygies in (2.6) remains invariant under such rotation. Therefore we can rotate coordinate axes so that in the new coordinate system we have  $\tau'_1 = \tau'_2 = 0$  and  $\tau'^2_3 = \tau^2$ . If  $\tau'_3 = 0$ , then what we want to prove is true. If  $\tau'_3 \neq 0$  then using the syzygies we find that  $\nu'_3 = \sigma'_1 = \sigma'_2 = 0$  and  $\tau'^2_3 = 4\nu'_1(n - \nu'_1) - \sigma'^2_3$ . It follows from the last relation that  $\tau'^2_3$  and therefore  $\tau^2$  is less or equal than  $n^2$ .

We complete the proof. In the region  $\pi/2 \leq \theta \leq \pi$  we have that  $\hat{H} = \sin \theta \sigma^2 - |\cos \theta| \tau^2$ . Since  $\sin \theta \geq 0$  we get  $\hat{H} \geq -|\cos \theta| \tau^2 \geq -|\cos \theta| n^2 = \hat{H}_{B_4}$ . Finally, in the region  $0 \leq \theta \leq \pi/4$  we have  $\hat{H} = \sin \theta(\sigma^2 + \tau^2) + (\cos \theta - \sin \theta)\tau^2 \leq \frac{4n^2}{3} \sin \theta + n^2(\cos \theta - \sin \theta) = \frac{n^2}{3}(\sin \theta + 3 \cos \theta) = \hat{H}_{B_3}$ .  $\square$

We now study linear stability of the RE found in lemma 2.26 and the Morse index of the corresponding stationary points. Theorem 2.15 leaves a number of different possibilities which require a concrete study of the Hamiltonian (2.11).

**Lemma 2.27.** *The one-parameter family of reduced Hamiltonians (2.11) and corresponding Hamiltonians (2.1) can be separated into five qualitatively different subfamilies, which correspond to five open intervals of the values of the parameter  $\theta$ . Concrete values are listed in table 2.2. Each subfamily is distinguished by a particular pattern of the linear stability of the relative equilibria in lemma 2.26.*

**Proof.** According to remark 2.14, it suffices to study one critical point for each of the five critical orbits of the  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  action on  $\mathbf{CP}^2(n)$ . We begin by finding an appropriate local symplectic chart in the neighborhood of the critical point, and then compute the quadratic part of the Hamiltonian (2.11)

**Table 2.2** Stability (2E, 2H, etc, as explained in B.1) and Morse index (0...4) of the stationary points of  $\hat{H}$  in (2.11). For the  $C_s$  points see § 2.5;  $\rho_1 = \cos^{-1}(1/\sqrt{5})$  and  $\rho_2 = \cos^{-1}(-1/\sqrt{10})$ .

region	$E_{\min}$	$E_{\max}$	$A_4$	$A_3$	$A_2$	$B_4$	$B_3$	$C_s$
I $(0, \frac{1}{4}\pi)$	$\hat{H}_{A_4}$	$\hat{H}_{B_3}$	2E 0	2H 2	EH 1	EE 2	EE 4	EH 3
IIa $(\frac{1}{4}\pi, \rho_1)$	$\hat{H}_{A_4}$	$\hat{H}_{A_3}$	2E 0	2E 4	EE 2	EH 1	CH 2	EH 3
IIb $(\rho_1, \frac{1}{2}\pi)$			2E 0	2E 4	EH 3	EH 1	CH 2	
IIIa $(\frac{1}{2}\pi, \rho_2)$	$\hat{H}_{B_4}$	$\hat{H}_{A_3}$	2H 2	2E 4	EH 3	EE 0	CH 2	EH 1
IIIb $(\rho_2, \pi)$			2H 2	2E 4	EH 3	EE 0	EE 2	EH 1

in this local chart. We define the charts  $(\chi_1, \chi_2, \psi_1, \psi_2)$  in terms of the polynomial invariants as described in detail in appendix B. These charts are given in table 2.3. Note that the local coordinates  $(\chi, \psi)$  are canonical only up to the constant terms in the Poisson brackets,

$$\{\chi_i, \psi_j\} = \delta_{ij} + \dots, \quad \{\chi_i, \chi_j\} = 0 + \dots, \quad \{\psi_i, \psi_j\} = 0 + \dots, \quad i, j = 1, 2.$$

This is adequate only for the study of the linearized equations of motion. We now express Hamiltonian (2.11) in each local chart and expand it to the second order terms. This gives

$$\begin{aligned}
H_{A^4}(\chi, \psi) &= 2n \cos \theta (\psi_1^2 + \psi_2^2) + 2n \sin \theta (\chi_1^2 + \chi_2^2), \\
H_{A^3}(\chi, \psi) &= \frac{4}{3}n^2 \sin \theta + \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3}n(\cos \theta - \sin \theta)(\psi_1^2 + \psi_2^2) - \sqrt{2}n \sin \theta (\chi_1^2 + \chi_2^2); \\
H_{A^2}(\chi, \psi) &= n^2 \sin \theta + n((\cos \theta - \sin \theta)\psi_1^2 + (2 \cos \theta - \sin \theta)\psi_2^2 - 4 \sin \theta \chi_1^2 + \sin \theta \chi_2^2); \\
H_{B^4}(\chi, \psi) &= n^2 \cos \theta + n(-4 \cos \theta \psi_1^2 + \sin \theta \psi_2^2 - (\cos \theta - \sin \theta)\chi_1^2 + \sin \theta \chi_2^2); \\
H_{B^3}(\chi, \psi) &= \frac{1}{3}n[(\sin \theta + 3 \cos \theta)(n - (\psi_1^2 + \psi_2^2) - 2\sqrt{3}(\chi_1 \psi_1 + \chi_2 \psi_2)) \\
&\quad - 12 \cos \theta (\chi_1^2 + \chi_2^2) + 6(\sin \theta - \cos \theta)(\chi_1 \psi_2 - \chi_2 \psi_1)].
\end{aligned}$$

(Note that in full agreement with remark 2.14, we can always find such two local charts for any two critical points in the same critical orbit, such that the respective local Hamiltonians are the same.) Using local quadratic Hamiltonians  $H_\xi(\chi, \psi)$  we compute the Morse indices and the linear stability types in table 2.2.  $\square$

*Remark 2.28.* Besides the linear stability type of the stationary points of  $\hat{H}$  we can also determine that in some cases the stationary point is *orbitally stable*. This is true when the Morse index of the point is either 0 or 4.

**Corollary 2.29.** *The 27 equilibria of the system with Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}$  in (2.11) which are the critical points of the  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  action on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  satisfy Morse inequalities and give the right Euler characteristic for  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  only in the region IIb when  $\theta \in (\rho_1, \frac{1}{2}\pi)$ . In this region  $\hat{H}$  can be the simplest  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  invariant Morse function. For all other values of  $\theta$  this system must have other equilibria.*

**Proof.** Use lemma 2.17 and table 2.2. See also appendix B.1.  $\square$



**Table 2.3** Local coordinates at critical points on  $\mathbf{CP}^2(n)$ . We use these relations in order to express the Hamiltonian in each local chart and to compute the Poisson brackets of the local coordinates.

$A_4^x$	
$\chi_1 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2n}}\sigma_2$	$\chi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n}}\sigma_3$
$\psi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n}}\tau_2$	$\psi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n}}\tau_3$
$\nu_1 = \delta/2$	$\nu_2 = (\sigma_3^2 + \tau_3^2)/2\delta$
$\nu_3 = (\sigma_2^2 + \tau_2^2)/2\delta$	$\sigma_1 = (\sigma_2\sigma_3 - \tau_2\tau_3)/\delta$
$\tau_1 = (-\sigma_2\tau_3 - \tau_2\sigma_3)/\delta$	
where $\delta = n + (n^2 - \sigma_2^2 - \sigma_3^2 - \tau_2^2 - \tau_3^2)^{1/2}$	
$A_3^x$	
$\chi_1 = \frac{1}{2^{1/4}\sqrt{n}}(2n - 2\sigma_2 - \sigma_3)$	$\chi_2 = -\frac{1}{2^{1/4}\sqrt{3n}}(2n - 3\sigma_3)$
$\psi_1 = \frac{3}{2^{7/4}\sqrt{n}}\tau_3$	$\psi_2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2^{7/4}\sqrt{n}}(2\tau_2 + \tau_3)$
$\nu_1 = \delta/2$	$\nu_2 = (\sigma_3^2 + \tau_3^2)/2\delta$
$\nu_3 = (\sigma_2^2 + \tau_2^2)/2\delta$	$\sigma_1 = (\sigma_2\sigma_3 - \tau_2\tau_3)/\delta$
$\tau_1 = (-\sigma_2\tau_3 - \tau_2\sigma_3)/\delta$	
where $\delta = n - (n^2 - \sigma_2^2 - \sigma_3^2 - \tau_2^2 - \tau_3^2)^{1/2}$	
$A_2^x$	
$\chi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}(\nu_2 - \frac{n}{2})$	$\chi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\sigma_1$
$\psi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\tau_3$	$\psi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\tau_1$
$\nu_1 = (\tau_3^2 + \delta^2)/4\nu_2$	$\nu_3 = (\sigma_1^2 + \tau_1^2)/4\nu_2$
$\sigma_2 = (-\tau_1\tau_3 + \sigma_1\delta)/2\nu_2$	$\sigma_3 = \delta$
$\tau_2 = (-\sigma_1\tau_3 - \tau_1\delta)/2\nu_2$	
where $\delta = (4n\nu_2 - 4\nu_2^2 - \sigma_1^2 - \tau_1^2 - \tau_3^2)^{1/2}$	
$B_4^x$	
$\chi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\sigma_1$	$\chi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\sigma_2$
$\psi_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}(\nu_3 - \frac{n}{2})$	$\psi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\tau_2$
$\nu_1 = (\sigma_2^2 + \tau_2^2)/4\nu_3$	$\nu_2 = (\sigma_1^2 + \delta)/4\nu_3$
$\sigma_3 = (\sigma_1\sigma_2 - \tau_2\delta)/2\nu_3$	$\tau_1 = \delta$
$\tau_3 = (-\sigma_1\tau_2 - \sigma_2\delta)/2\nu_3$	
where $\delta = (4n\nu_3 - 4\nu_3^2 - \sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2^2 - \tau_2^2)^{1/2}$	
$B_3^a$	
$\chi_1 = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{n}}(\sqrt{3}(\sigma_2 - \sigma_3) + \tau_2 - \tau_3)$	$\chi_2 = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{n}}(3(\sigma_2 + \sigma_3) + \sqrt{3}(\tau_2 + \tau_3))$
$\psi_1 = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}(4n + 3\sigma_2 - \sqrt{3}\tau_2 - 2\sqrt{3}\tau_3)$	$\psi_2 = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}(\sqrt{3}\sigma_2 + 2\sqrt{3}\sigma_3 + 3\tau_2)$
$\nu_1 = \delta/2$	$\nu_2 = (\sigma_3^2 + \tau_3^2)/2\delta$
$\nu_3 = (\sigma_2^2 + \tau_2^2)/2\delta$	$\sigma_1 = (\sigma_2\sigma_3 - \tau_2\tau_3)/\delta$
$\tau_1 = (-\sigma_2\tau_3 - \tau_2\sigma_3)/\delta$	
where $\delta = n - (n^2 - \sigma_2^2 - \sigma_3^2 - \tau_2^2 - \tau_3^2)^{1/2}$	

## 2.5 Relative Equilibria Corresponding to Non-critical Points

In this section, we find additional equilibria of the system with Hamiltonian  $\widehat{H}$  in (2.11) predicted in corollary 2.29 for  $\theta$  outside the closed interval  $[\rho_1, \frac{1}{2}\pi]$ . These additional equilibria  $\xi$  are likely to be created in bifurcations which take place when the value of  $\theta$  leaves the interval  $(\rho_1, \frac{1}{2}\pi)$ .

*Remark 2.30.* Let  $c$  be one of the critical points of the  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  action on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  described in theorem 2.13. By the theorem of Michel cited in sec. 2.1.3,  $c$  is a stationary point of  $\widehat{H}(\theta)$  in (2.11). Suppose that the new stationary point  $\xi$  is created in a bifurcation of  $c$ . When considering where  $\xi$  can be found, we should take into account the following (see [61] for some of these statements):

1. The isotropy group  $\mathcal{G}_\xi$  of  $\xi$  is a subgroup of the isotropy group  $\mathcal{G}_c$  of  $c$ .
2. If  $c$  belongs not only in the closure of the stratum with trivial stabilizer  $C_1 = \{E\}$  but also in the closure of one or several strata with nontrivial stabilizers  $\mathcal{G}'$ ,  $\mathcal{G}''$ , etc, then a generic one-parameter bifurcation of the stationary point  $c$  will not break the symmetry  $\mathcal{G}_c$  all the way down to  $C_1$ , but  $\mathcal{G}_\xi$  will be one of  $\mathcal{G}'$ ,  $\mathcal{G}''$ , etc.
3. If such a generic bifurcation takes place, the new point stationary  $\xi$  with non-trivial stabilizer  $\mathcal{G}_\xi$  will remain on a continuous set  $\mathfrak{M} \subset \mathbf{CP}^2$  of non-critical  $\mathcal{G}_\xi$ -invariant points.  $\mathfrak{M}$  in turn is a subset of a submanifold  $M \subset \mathbf{CP}^2$  with isotropy group  $\mathcal{G}_M \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\xi$ .
4. The manifold  $M \ni \xi$  can contain points  $c$  of higher isotropy; it can itself be a subspace of a larger manifold  $M' \subset \mathbf{CP}^2$  with lower isotropy group  $\mathcal{G}_{M'} \subset \mathcal{G}_M \subseteq \mathcal{G}_\xi \subset \mathcal{G}_c$ .
5. When looking for stationary points  $\xi \in M \subset M' \subset \dots \mathbf{CP}^2$  we should check if the Morse inequalities hold for all invariant submanifolds  $M$ ,  $M'$ , etc.
6. Particularly interesting are situations when  $P = M$ , or  $M'$ , etc is also dynamically invariant because  $\mathcal{G}_P$  is symplectic. In that case  $P$  is symplectic, and we can restrict our system on  $P$  and look for its equilibria there.
7. The action of  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  has several invariant submanifolds  $M$  with topology  $\mathbf{S}^1$ ,  $\mathbf{S}^2 \sim \mathbf{CP}^1$ , and  $\mathbf{RP}^2$ . Information on these manifolds and their intersections can be found in [48] and appendix A.1. The 2-spheres with stabilizers of conjugacy class  $\mathcal{C}_s$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2$  can serve as restricted phase spaces  $P$ .

### 2.5.1 Existence and Stability of the $\mathcal{C}_s \wedge \mathcal{T}_2$ Relative Equilibria

Following remark 2.30(6–7), consider the  $\mathcal{C}_s$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2$ -invariant spheres  $\mathbf{S}^2 \subset \mathbf{CP}^{2(n)}$  described in appendix A.1. Critical points of type  $A_4$  and  $A_2$  are intersection points of the two types of spheres (see fig. A.2). This means that

the new equilibrium points  $\xi$  created in a bifurcation of  $A_4$  or  $A_2$  can depart either on a  $C_2$  or a  $C_s$  sphere, cf. remark 2.30(3). On the  $C_s$  spheres we also find points of type  $B_4$ , while on the  $C_2$  spheres we find points of type  $A_3$ .

**Lemma 2.31.** *The  $A_2$ ,  $A_4$ , and  $B_4$  equilibrium points of the system with Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}$  in (2.11) alone do not give the right Euler characteristic for  $S^2$  on the  $C_s$  spheres when  $0 < \theta < \rho_1$  and  $\frac{1}{2}\pi < \theta < \pi$ , i.e., outside the region IIb in table 2.2; they give the right characteristic when  $\rho_1 < \theta < \frac{1}{2}\pi$ . Furthermore, for the same values of  $\theta$ , the two points  $A_2$  and  $A_4$ , which lie on the same  $C_s \wedge T_2$ -invariant circle of the  $C_s$  sphere, alone do not give the correct Euler characteristic for  $S^1$ .*

**Proof.** We can always split local coordinates in table 2.3 in order to select a  $C_s$  or  $C_2$  invariant symplectic pair. Then checking the Morse inequalities and the Euler characteristic for the  $C_2$  and  $C_s$  spheres is straightforward.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.32.** *In all regions in table 2.2 except IIb, the system with Hamiltonian (2.11) should have additional equilibria  $\xi \in S^1 \subset S^2 \subset \mathbf{CP}^2(n)$ , where the isotropy group of  $\xi$  and  $S^1$  is  $C_s \wedge T_2$  and  $S^2$  has isotropy group  $C_s$ .*

**Lemma 2.33.** *The  $C_s \wedge T_2$ -invariant equilibria in corollary 2.32 exist only when*

$$0 < \theta < \rho_1 = \cos^{-1}(1/\sqrt{5}), \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{2}\pi < \theta < \pi,$$

*and have stability type EH. By symmetry, there should be two such equilibria on each of the six  $C_s$  spheres. The original system with Hamiltonian (2.1) has 12 corresponding  $C_s \wedge T_2$ -invariant nonlinear normal modes.*

**Proof.** By an argument similar to that in remark 2.14, it is sufficient to study one of the six equivalent  $C_s$  spheres. We chose the sphere  $C_s^{ab}$  which is defined in appendix A.1 as the set of points on  $\mathbf{CP}^2(n)$  with coordinates

$$(\nu; \sigma; \tau) = n \left( \frac{1+w}{4}, \frac{1+w}{4}, \frac{1-w}{2}; \frac{u}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{u}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1+w}{2}; \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right) \quad (2.14)$$

where  $u^2 + v^2 + w^2 = 1$ . The  $C_s \wedge T_2$  invariant circle on this sphere is defined by the additional equation  $u = 0$ . The reduced system restricted to this sphere corresponds to the original system restricted to the 4-plane in  $T^*\mathbf{R}^3$  defined by  $\{x = y, p_x = p_y\}$ . The Poisson algebra generated by the functions  $(u, v, w)$  in (2.14) and restricted to the  $C_s^{ab}$  sphere is the algebra  $\mathfrak{so}(3)$  with Casimir  $u^2 + v^2 + w^2$ . We find the vector field of Hamiltonian (2.11) restricted to this sphere

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u} &= -v(w+1)(\sin \theta - 4 \cos \theta) - 4v \cos \theta \\ \dot{v} &= u(1-3w) \sin \theta \\ \dot{w} &= 4uv(\sin \theta - \cos \theta) \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

The constant level sets of this system are shown in fig. 2.3 in the coordinate system of fig. A.3b with axis  $w$  aligned vertically. The equations  $\dot{u} = \dot{v} = \dot{w} = 0$  for the equilibria on the sphere can be easily solved. Solutions  $u = 0, v = 0, w = 1$  (North pole) and  $u = 0, v = 0, w = -1$  (South pole) represent points  $A_2^z$  and  $A_4^z$  respectively; the two points  $A_3^a$  and  $A_3^b$  correspond to  $u = \pm \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{2}, v = 0, w = \frac{1}{3}$ . The positions of these critical points is shown in fig. 2.3 for the example of  $\theta = 5\pi/36$ . The two new stationary points  $\xi_{\pm}$  have coordinates

$$u = 0, \quad v = \pm(1 - w^2)^{1/2}, \quad w = \frac{\sin \theta}{4 \cos \theta - \sin \theta}$$

This solution is real only for the values of  $\theta$  specified in the lemma. From (2.14) we find the  $\mathbf{CP}^2(n)$  coordinates of  $\xi_{\pm}$

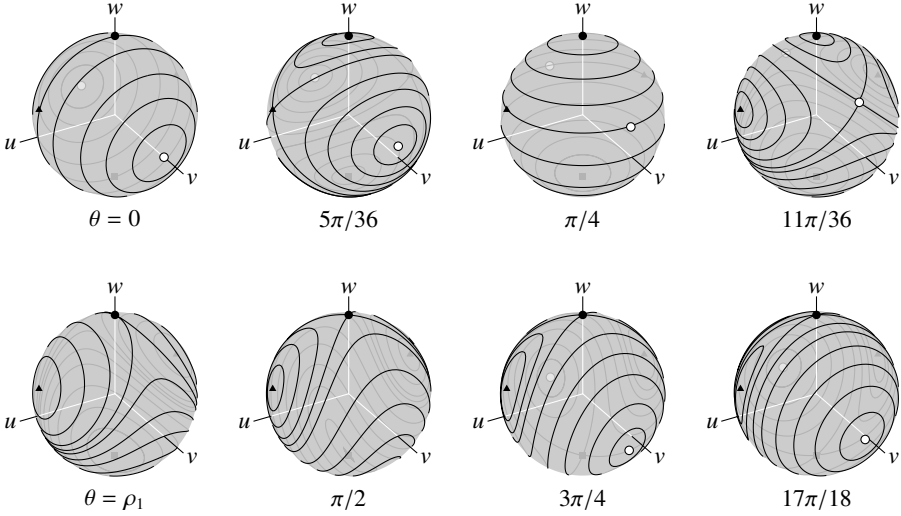
$$\xi_{\pm} = n(r, r, 1 - 2r; 0, 0, 2r; \pm 2\sqrt{r(1 - 2r)}, \pm 2\sqrt{r(1 - 2r)}, 0)$$

where  $r = \cos \theta / (4 \cos \theta - \sin \theta)$ . In fig. 2.3,  $\theta = 5\pi/36$  (region I),  $\xi_{\pm}$  can be seen as two deep minima which lie on the  $u = 0$  meridian slightly above the equatorial line and below the latitude of the  $A_3$  points shown by a dashed line. As  $\theta$  increases  $\xi_{\pm}$  move up (north). In the region IIa, they become unstable, see case  $\theta = 11\pi/36$ . In the region IIb,  $\xi_{\pm}$  do not exist, but they reappear for  $\theta > \frac{1}{2}\pi$  as minima. Using the same local analysis as for other stationary points, i.e., finding a local symplectic chart and linearizing  $\hat{H}$  in this chart, we find that  $\xi_{\pm}$  are always of type EH (elliptic-hyperbolic). In the regions I, IIIa, and IIIb the elliptic plane is tangent to the sphere and the hyperbolic plane is orthogonal to the sphere; in the IIa region the situation is reversed.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.34.** *The reduced one-parameter Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}$  has exactly 27 stationary points in the region IIb( $\rho_1, \frac{1}{2}\pi$ ) which are the critical points of the  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  action on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$ . In the other regions it has exactly 12 more stationary points with stabilizer  $C_s \wedge \mathcal{T}_2$ . The only exceptional values are  $\theta = 0, \frac{1}{4}\pi, \rho_1, \frac{1}{2}\pi, \rho_2, \pi$  where  $\hat{H}$  is not a Morse function.*

**Proof.** The vector field  $X_{\hat{H}}$  of  $\hat{H}$  expressed in terms of the invariants has 9 components which are quadratic polynomials:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\nu}_1 &= 2(\cos \theta - \sin \theta)(\sigma_2 \tau_2 - \sigma_3 \tau_3) \\ \dot{\nu}_2 &= 2(\cos \theta - \sin \theta)(\sigma_3 \tau_3 - \sigma_1 \tau_1) \\ \dot{\nu}_3 &= 2(\cos \theta - \sin \theta)(\sigma_1 \tau_1 - \sigma_2 \tau_2) \\ \dot{\sigma}_1 &= 2(\sin \theta - \cos \theta)(\sigma_3 \tau_2 - \sigma_2 \tau_3) + 4 \cos \theta (\nu_2 - \nu_3) \tau_1 \\ \dot{\sigma}_2 &= 2(\sin \theta - \cos \theta)(\sigma_1 \tau_3 - \sigma_3 \tau_1) + 4 \cos \theta (\nu_3 - \nu_1) \tau_2 \\ \dot{\sigma}_3 &= 2(\sin \theta - \cos \theta)(\sigma_2 \tau_1 - \sigma_1 \tau_2) + 4 \cos \theta (\nu_1 - \nu_2) \tau_3 \\ \dot{\tau}_1 &= 4 \sin \theta (\nu_3 - \nu_2) \sigma_1 \\ \dot{\tau}_2 &= 4 \sin \theta (\nu_1 - \nu_3) \sigma_2 \\ \dot{\tau}_3 &= 4 \sin \theta (\nu_2 - \nu_1) \sigma_3 \end{aligned}$$



**Fig. 2.3** Phase portraits of the system with Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}$  in (2.11) restricted to the  $\mathcal{C}_s^{ab}$  invariant sphere  $\mathbf{S}^2 \subset \mathbf{CP}^2(n)$  for different values of the parameter  $\theta$ . The location of the critical points  $A_2$ ,  $A_3$ , and  $A_4$  is marked by a black disk, triangle, and square respectively. The location of the  $C_s$  points is marked by a white disk.

The equilibria of  $X_{\hat{H}}$  are given by the common roots of these polynomials and the polynomials  $\Sigma_k$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, 9$  (2.6). We solve this system of polynomial equations by finding its Gröbner basis [24] using the lexicographic order  $\tau_3 > \tau_2 > \tau_1 > \sigma_3 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_1 > \nu_3 > \nu_2 > \nu_1$ . Such a basis can be constructed using the computer program Mathematica [131]. Although the Gröbner basis consists of 89 polynomials it is straightforward to solve. There are two types of solutions. 27 solutions that do not depend on  $\theta$  correspond to the critical stationary points of  $\hat{H}$ . 12 solutions that depend on  $\theta$  correspond to the extra non-critical stationary points and are valid only when  $0 < \nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3 < n$ . This condition gives that the extra stationary points do not exist in the region IIb.  $\square$

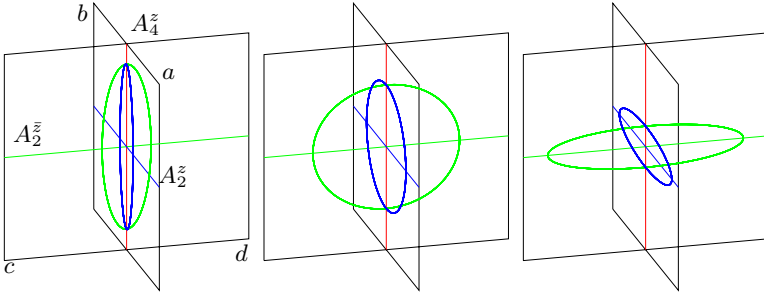
### 2.5.2 Configuration Space Image of the $\mathcal{C}_s \wedge \mathcal{T}_2$ Relative Equilibria

*Remark 2.35.* The evolution of the additional  $\mathcal{C}_s \wedge \mathcal{T}_2$  relative equilibria can be best seen on the interval  $\theta \in [-\frac{1}{2}\pi, \rho_1]$ . (The part  $[-\frac{1}{2}\pi, 0]$  is equivalent to the region III  $[\frac{1}{2}\pi, \pi]$  in fig. 2.2 and table 2.2 up to the sign of  $\hat{H}$ , see remark 2.24.) These RE branch off the  $A_4$  RE at  $\theta = -\frac{1}{2}\pi$  and then exist continuously until their merger with the  $A_2$  RE at  $\theta = \rho_1$ .

The principles of the RE representation in the configuration space  $\mathbf{R}_{x,y,z}^3$  are discussed in appendix A.4. The  $\mathcal{C}_s \wedge \mathcal{T}_2$  RE are not  $\mathcal{T}$  (time-reversal) invariant and therefore they appear in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  as loops. The two  $\mathcal{C}_s \wedge \mathcal{T}_2$  stationary

points on the same  $C_s$  sphere, such as, for example, in fig. 2.3 with  $\theta = 5\pi/36$ , are mapped into each other by the  $\mathcal{T}$  operation. These two points correspond to two loops running along the same closed curve in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  in different directions. According to remark 2.35, these loops branch off one of the three  $A_4$  orbits and merge with an  $A_2$  orbit. Take for example the three RE  $A_4^z$ ,  $A_2^z$ , and  $A_2^{\bar{z}}$ . The  $A_4^z$  RE is represented by a segment on the axis  $z$ , while the images of  $A_2^z$  and  $A_2^{\bar{z}}$  lie in the planes  $aOb$  and  $cOd$  (see fig. A.1 and fig. 2.4, left). Note that the axis  $z$  is the intersection  $aOb \cap cOd$ , and that the  $aOb$  and  $cOd$  planes are the configuration spaces of the restricted systems whose reduced phase spaces are the  $C_s^{ab}$  and  $C_s^{cd}$  spheres.

Without any loss to our present qualitative description, we can consider the RE of the normalized system shown in fig. 2.1, instead of the nonlinear normal modes of the original system. In the transformed space  $\tilde{\mathbf{R}}^3$  the  $A_4^z$  RE remains a segment of axis  $z$ , while  $A_2^z$  and  $A_2^{\bar{z}}$  become segments of the straight lines  $x = y$  and  $x = -y$  in the horizontal plane  $z = 0$  as shown in fig. 2.4.



**Fig. 2.4** Schematic representation of the  $A_4^z$ ,  $A_2^z$ ,  $A_2^{\bar{z}}$ , and  $C_s \wedge \mathcal{T}$  relative equilibria in the configuration space  $\mathbf{R}_{x,y,z}^3$  of the normalized Hamiltonian (2.1).

At  $\theta = \frac{1}{2}\pi$ , four  $C_s \wedge \mathcal{T}_2$  orbits bifurcate from  $A_4^z$ . These four RE project into two distinct closed curves in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ . When the value of  $\theta$  is only slightly above  $\frac{1}{2}\pi$ , the loops have a highly eccentric elliptical shape stretched along  $A_4^z$ , see fig. 2.4, left. The major axis of the ellipse is on the  $z$  axis and the ellipses lie in the  $aOb$  and  $cOd$  planes respectively. As  $\theta$  increases, the eccentricity is reduced until the ellipses become circles at  $\theta = \frac{5}{4}\pi$ . At this point the elliptic and hyperbolic directions for the  $C_s \wedge \mathcal{T}_2$  points  $\xi_{\pm} \in \mathbf{CP}^2(n)$  are interchanged. For  $\theta > \frac{5}{4}\pi$  the eccentricity increases again but now the major axes lie near the intersections the  $aOb \cap xOy$  and  $cOd \cap xOy$  respectively. As  $\theta$  approaches  $\pi + \rho_1$ , the two ellipses come closer to the orbits  $A_2^z$  and  $A_2^{\bar{z}}$  and vanish exactly at  $\theta = \pi + \rho_1$ .

## 2.6 Bifurcations

Generic systems (see definition 2.23) belong to one of the subfamilies in table 2.2. We have characterized the RE of these systems. In this section we comment on some of the changes of linear stability of the RE in table 2.2 and the possible bifurcations that may be happening when the parameter  $\theta$  is varied. A full study of non-Morse members of the family (2.11) and bifurcations of RE requires going to higher orders of the normal form and is beyond the scope of our present work. Some of these bifurcations cannot be fully understood using the single-parameter classification scheme of §2.2.

As we saw in §2.5.1, several bifurcations are related to the evolution of the  $C_s \wedge T_2$  RE. At  $\theta = \frac{1}{2}\pi$  (or  $-\frac{1}{2}\pi$ ) four  $C_s \wedge T_2$  RE are created in the bifurcation of each of the three  $A_4$  RE. In this bifurcation, as we go from the region IIb to IIIa in table 2.2, stability and Morse index of the  $A_4$  RE change from 2E and 0 to 2H and 2 respectively. Since  $A_4$  and  $B_4$  share the same  $C_2$ -invariant subspace  $S^2$  (fig. A.3, left), the Morse index change of  $A_4$  *forces* the change of the Morse index of  $B_4$  in order to preserve the right Euler characteristic of  $S^2$ . When  $\theta = \pi$  and we enter region I from IIIb, the Morse index of  $A_4$  changes from 2 to 0 (or 4, see remark 2.24). When  $\theta = \rho_1$  the  $C_s \wedge T_2$  RE collide pairwise at the  $A_2$  RE and vanish. At this moment the  $A_2$  RE change linear stability type from EE to EH and Morse index from 2 to 1. This bifurcation can be considered as a collision of two stationary points on the  $C_s$  sphere; in systems with one degree of freedom it is often called a ‘pitchfork’ bifurcation.

The stability type of the  $B_3$  points changes between elliptic-elliptic (EE) and complex hyperbolic (CH) at  $\theta = \pi/4$  and  $\theta = \rho_2$ . At these values of  $\theta$  the four eigenvalues of the respective Hamiltonian matrices move along the imaginary axis, collide pairwise, and then move off the axis into the complex plane. Such  $EE \leftrightarrow CH$  change of linear stability is called a standard *linear Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation*. It suggests that a *nonlinear* Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation might also be taking place [122]. This important codimension-one bifurcation happens in Hamiltonian systems with two or more degrees of freedom. The  $EE \leftrightarrow CH$  change is necessary but not sufficient for the standard nonlinear Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation. The latter occurs when a family of periodic orbits either detaches from the bifurcating stationary point or shrinks to this point and disappears. We should take the nonlinearity of the system into account in order to find out if this takes place.

Unfortunately, standard theorems on the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation do not apply directly in our case. Thus when  $\theta = \rho_2$  we can prove that the  $B_3$  points lie on an invariant two-dimensional manifold and as a consequence, the bifurcation remains degenerate to all orders. A preliminary study using normal form techniques shows that a bifurcation of short periodic orbits which differs slightly from the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation takes place at  $\theta = \rho_2$ . At  $\theta = \frac{1}{4}\pi$  the eigenvalues of the Hamiltonian matrix of the linearized equations near the  $B_3$  equilibrium meet at 0 and then leave off to the complex plane. This means that at the moment of bifurcation the quadratic part of the local

Hamiltonian is nilpotent and cannot be normalized in the standard way. We believe that both the degeneracy of the  $\theta = \rho_2$  case and the nilpotency of the  $\theta = \frac{1}{4}\pi$  case can be removed in the sixth (or higher) order normal form of (2.1).

A generalization of the linear Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation, which also happens in the family of quadratic spherical pendula (chapter 4), is proposed in [66]. This paper describes a bifurcation of short periodic orbits that happens when a stationary point with isotropy group  $\text{SO}(2) \times \mathcal{T}$  changes linear stability type from degenerate elliptic (2E) to degenerate hyperbolic (2H). In our system, the  $A_3$  and  $A_4$  RE change stability type from 2E to 2H at  $\theta = \frac{1}{4}\pi$  and  $\theta = \frac{1}{2}\pi$  respectively. Since by theorem 2.15 the  $A_4$  and  $A_3$  RE can only be of type 2E or 2H, the eigenvalues must become simultaneously zero when their stability changes from 2E to 2H. This degeneracy is robust under  $\text{T}_d \times \mathcal{T}$  symmetric perturbations.

## 2.7 The 3-Mode as a 3-DOF Analogue of the Hénon-Heiles Hamiltonian

In [70] M. Hénon and C. Heiles introduced the Hamiltonian

$$H(x, y, p_x, p_y) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + p_x^2) + \frac{1}{2}(y^2 + p_y^2) + \epsilon(x^2 y - \frac{1}{3}y^3), \quad (2.16)$$

which is since known as the 2-DOF (or 2D) Hénon-Heiles Hamiltonian. The specific form of its potential was chosen “because: (i) it is analytically simple; ... (ii) at the same time, it is sufficiently complicated to give trajectories far from trivial” [70].

As Hénon and Heiles found numerically in [70], an additional integral of motion did not exist in the 2-DOF system with Hamiltonian (2.16). Their study resulted in the first illustrations of Hamiltonian chaos, and their system has since been studied extensively both numerically and analytically, see [108] for a detailed list of references. It has served not only as a model for the dynamics near the center of a galaxy but also in molecular physics where it has been used to describe doubly degenerate vibrations of molecules whose equilibrium configuration has one or several three-fold symmetry axis [109], such as  $\text{H}_3^+$  [57],  $\text{P}_4$  or  $\text{CH}_4$ , and  $\text{SF}_6$ .

The Hamiltonian (2.16) is symmetric under the action of the finite group  $\mathcal{D}_3 \times \mathcal{T}$ . Here  $\mathcal{D}_3$  is the dihedral symmetry group of the equilateral triangle, and  $\mathcal{T} = \{1, T\}$  is the *time reversal* or *momentum reversal* group generated by  $T : (x, y, p_x, p_y) \rightarrow (x, y, -p_x, -p_y)$ . Although the finite symmetry of (2.16) was not particularly emphasized in [70], it has one very important consequence, namely the *a priori* existence at low energy of eight families of periodic orbits called *nonlinear normal modes* [22, 91, 92]. In fact, this is a property of *any*  $\mathcal{D}_3 \times \mathcal{T}$  symmetric 1:1 resonant 2-oscillator.



There are many ways to introduce three degree of freedom analogues of the two degree of freedom Hénon-Heiles Hamiltonian (2.16). The most obvious is to consider the 3-DOF axisymmetric Hamiltonian

$$H(r, \theta, z, p_r, p_\theta, p_z) = \frac{1}{2}(p_r^2 + p_z^2) + \frac{p_\theta^2}{2r^2} + \frac{1}{2}(r^2 + z^2) + r^2 z - \frac{1}{3}z^3, \quad (2.17)$$

from which Hamiltonian (2.16) was deduced, see [70]. Here  $(r, \theta, z)$  are cylindrical coordinates in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ . This 3-DOF Hamiltonian has been studied in [53, 54, 133] where it is called the 3D Hénon-Heiles Hamiltonian. The reduction of the axial symmetry was done in [31] where it is shown that the reduced system is in 1:2 resonance.

We propose here a different analogue based on the extension of the discrete symmetry of (2.16) to  $\mathbf{R}^3$ . Specifically, we propose Hamiltonian (2.1) with  $K_R = 0$  as a three degree of freedom analogue of the two degree of freedom Hénon-Heiles Hamiltonian.

*Comparison of the family (2.1) to the 2D Hénon-Heiles Hamiltonian (2.16).*

1. Like the 2D Hénon-Heiles system, the system with Hamiltonian (2.1) is probably not integrable and hence is a genuinely three-dimensional system in the sense that the only exact first integrals are smooth functions of energy. This is in contrast to Hamiltonian (2.17) which has an axial symmetry and therefore can be reduced to a two degree of freedom system. Taking into account the approximate oscillator symmetry we can further reduce to one degree of freedom.
2. Both (2.16) and (2.1) have no compact Lie group of symmetries. Both are invariant under the action of a discrete group which includes rotations by  $2\pi/3$  and the time reversal group  $\mathcal{T}$  described above. The Hamiltonian (2.1) is invariant under the action of the group  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$ . This symmetry group has four conjugate subgroups  $\mathcal{C}_{3v} \times \mathcal{T}$  which are isomorphic to the symmetry group of (2.16).
3. Both (2.16) and (2.1) have principal cubic perturbation terms of the simplest possible analytic form which realize completely the respective point group symmetries  $D_3$  and  $T_d$ . The polynomial

$$V(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{2}\mu_2 + \epsilon K_3 \mu_3 + \epsilon^2 K_4 \mu_4 + \epsilon^2 K_0 \mu_2^2 \quad (2.18)$$

is the most general  $T_d$ -invariant polynomial in  $(x, y, z)$  of degree 4.

Notice that the analysis of the fourth order normal form does not depend essentially on  $K_R$  since the latter enters only through  $K_t$  (2.13d). Therefore, all the analysis of this chapter applies also to our three degree of freedom analogue of the Hénon-Heiles Hamiltonian.

## The Hydrogen Atom in Crossed Fields

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In §1.2 we gave the Hamiltonian (1.14) which describes the hydrogen atom in crossed electric and magnetic fields. Recall here that the Hamiltonian is

$$H(Q, P) = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{P}^2 - \frac{1}{|\mathbf{Q}|} + FQ_2 + \frac{1}{2}G(Q_2P_3 - Q_3P_2) + \frac{1}{8}G^2(Q_2^2 + Q_3^2) \quad (3.1)$$

where  $F$  and  $G$  represent the strength of the electric and the magnetic fields respectively.

### 3.1 Review of the Keplerian Normalization

Normalization of a perturbation of the Kepler Hamiltonian with respect to  $\Phi_0$  has the problem that the potential is singular at  $\mathbf{Q} = 0$  and the flow of the Kepler Hamiltonian is not complete. Therefore, in order to do the normalization we have to regularize the vector field  $X_{H_0}$ . This procedure gives a complete vector field. Many ways to achieve this have been proposed, but the most convenient for our purposes is Kustaanheimo-Stiefel regularization.

#### 3.1.1 Kustaanheimo-Stiefel Regularization

The Kustaanheimo-Stiefel regularization [73] is a standard procedure for the regularization of the Kepler vector field. We fix an energy level  $E < 0$  (we are only interested in bounded motions) and introduce the new time scale  $dt \rightarrow dt/|Q|$  in (3.1). The result is

$$1 = \frac{1}{2}(P^2 - 2E)|Q| + FQ_2|Q| + \frac{1}{2}G(Q_2P_3 - Q_3P_2)|Q| + \frac{1}{8}G^2(Q_2^2 + Q_3^2)|Q| \quad (3.2)$$

where the term  $\frac{1}{2}(P^2 - 2E)|Q|$  comes from the Kepler Hamiltonian.

The Kustaanheimo-Stiefel regularization is defined by the transformation

$$\mathcal{KS} : T_0\mathbf{R}^4 \rightarrow T_0\mathbf{R}^3 : (q, p) \mapsto (M(q) \cdot q, \frac{1}{q^2}M(q) \cdot p) = (Q, 0, P, 0) \quad (3.3)$$

where  $M(q)$  is the matrix

$$M(q) = \begin{pmatrix} q_1 & -q_2 & -q_3 & q_4 \\ q_2 & q_1 & -q_4 & -q_3 \\ q_3 & q_4 & q_1 & q_2 \\ q_4 & -q_3 & q_2 & -q_1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.4)$$

Notice that

$$\zeta = \frac{1}{2}(q_1 p_4 - q_2 p_3 + q_3 p_2 - q_4 p_1) = 0 \quad (3.5)$$

and that  $\zeta$  generates an  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action on  $T_0\mathbf{R}^4$  called the KS symmetry. Any function defined on  $T_0\mathbf{R}^4$  through the KS transformation Poisson commutes with  $\zeta$ . Therefore we can treat  $\zeta$  as a constant identically equal to 0.

Applying  $\mathcal{KS}$  to (3.2), scaling  $(q, p) \rightarrow (q/\sqrt{\omega}, p\sqrt{\omega})$  and changing the time by  $t \rightarrow \omega t$  we obtain the Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{1}{2}(p^2 + q^2) + \frac{1}{3}f(q_1 q_2 - q_3 q_4)q^2 + \frac{1}{2}g(q_2 p_3 - q_3 p_2)q^2 + \frac{1}{8}g^2(q_1^2 + q_4^2)(q_2^2 + q_3^2)q^2 \quad (3.6)$$

where we have defined

$$\omega^2 = -2E \quad f = \frac{6F}{\omega^3} = \epsilon b \quad g = \frac{2G}{\omega^2} = \epsilon a \quad a^2 + b^2 = 1 \quad (3.7)$$

The parameters  $a, b$  characterize the relative strengths of the magnetic and electric field respectively, while  $\epsilon$  characterizes the absolute strength of the fields.

### 3.1.2 First Normalization

We normalize the Hamiltonian (3.6) with respect to the unperturbed part  $H_0 = \frac{1}{2}(q^2 + p^2)$ , which describes a 4-oscillator in 1:1:1:1 resonance. The result of the normalization and truncation is the Hamiltonian

$$\tilde{H} = \tilde{H}_2 + \epsilon \tilde{H}_4 + \epsilon^2 \tilde{H}_6 + \epsilon^3 \tilde{H}_8 + \epsilon^4 \tilde{H}_{10} \quad (3.8)$$

where each term  $\tilde{H}_j$  is a homogeneous polynomial of degree  $j$  in  $(q, p)$ . We do not give explicit expressions for  $\tilde{H}$  since these can be easily determined from the expressions of the reduced Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}$  (3.14) that we give later, see table 3.1.

*Remark 3.1.* We truncate the normal form  $\tilde{H}$  at  $\tilde{H}_{10}$  for reasons we explain at §3.6.3.

### 3.1.3 First Reduction

The vector field  $X_{H_0}$  of  $H_0 = \frac{1}{2}(p^2 + q^2)$  generates an  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action  $\Phi_0$  on  $\mathbf{R}^8$ . The vector field  $X_\zeta$  of  $\zeta$  (3.5) generates a different  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action  $\Phi^\zeta$ . These actions commute since  $\{H_0, \zeta\} = 0$ , therefore they define a  $\mathbf{T}^2$  action on  $\mathbf{R}^8$ . We have that

**Lemma 3.2.** *The algebra  $\mathbf{R}[q, p]^{\mathbf{T}^2}$  of the polynomials that are invariant under the  $\mathbf{T}^2$  action generated by  $H_0$  and  $\zeta$  is generated by the invariant polynomials*

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_1 &= \frac{1}{4}(p_2^2 + q_2^2 + p_3^2 + q_3^2 - p_1^2 - q_1^2 - p_4^2 - q_4^2) \\
 K_2 &= \frac{1}{2}(p_3p_4 - q_1q_2 - p_1p_2 + q_3q_4) \\
 K_3 &= -\frac{1}{2}(q_1q_3 + q_2q_4 + p_1p_3 + p_2p_4) \\
 L_1 &= \frac{1}{2}(q_2p_3 - q_3p_2 + q_1p_4 - q_4p_1) \\
 L_2 &= \frac{1}{2}(q_2p_4 + q_3p_1 - q_1p_3 - q_4p_2) \\
 L_3 &= \frac{1}{2}(q_1p_2 + q_3p_4 - q_2p_1 - q_4p_3) \\
 n &= \frac{1}{4}(p_1^2 + q_1^2 + p_2^2 + q_2^2 + p_3^2 + q_3^2 + p_4^2 + q_4^2) \\
 \zeta &= \frac{1}{2}(q_1p_4 - q_2p_3 + q_3p_2 - q_4p_1)
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

which satisfy the relations

$$K^2 + L^2 = n^2 + \zeta^2 \quad K \cdot L = -n\zeta \tag{3.10}$$

Note that the vectors  $K = (K_1, K_2, K_3)$  and  $L = (L_1, L_2, L_3)$  are the  $\mathcal{KS}$  transformed eccentricity and angular momentum vectors respectively.

The space of  $\mathbf{T}^2$  orbits on  $H_0^{-1}(2n) \cap \zeta^{-1}(0)$  is defined by

$$K^2 + L^2 = n^2 \quad K \cdot L = 0 \tag{3.11}$$

or equivalently

$$(K + L)^2 = n^2 \quad (K - L)^2 = n^2 \tag{3.12}$$

Therefore the space of  $\mathbf{T}^2$  orbits on  $H_0^{-1}(2n) \cap \zeta^{-1}(0)$  is  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$ . The Poisson structure on the reduced space is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \{L_i, L_j\} &= \sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} L_k & \{K_i, K_j\} &= \sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} L_k & \{L_i, K_j\} &= \sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} K_k
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.13}$$

We reduce the normalized Hamiltonian (3.8) with respect to the  $\mathbf{T}^2$  action by expressing it in terms of the polynomials (3.9). The result is

$$\widehat{H} = \widehat{H}_2 + \epsilon \widehat{H}_4 + \epsilon^2 \widehat{H}_6 + \epsilon^3 \widehat{H}_8 + \epsilon^4 \widehat{H}_{10} \tag{3.14}$$

Setting  $\zeta = 0$  the first terms of  $\widehat{H}$  become

**Table 3.1** Coefficients of the terms of the first normal form  $\tilde{H}$ .

Coefficients of terms of $72\tilde{H}_6$		Coefficients of terms of $13824\tilde{H}_{10}$	
$n^2$	$-17b^2$	$n^4$	$1504a^2b^2 - 3563b^4$
$L_3^2$	$9a^2$	$n^2L_3^2$	$36a^4 + 1086a^2b^2$
$L_2^2$	$9a^2 + 9b^2$	$L_3^4$	$-351a^4 - 240a^2b^2$
$K_3^2$	$45a^2$	$n^2L_2^2$	$36a^4 - 1110a^2b^2 + 2970b^4$
$K_2L_1$	$84ab$	$L_2^2L_3^2$	$-702a^4 - 278a^2b^2$
$K_2^2$	$45a^2 - 51b^2$	$L_2^4$	$-351a^4 - 38a^2b^2 - 303b^4$
$K_1L_2$	$-12ab$	$n^2L_1^2$	$10224a^4 - 66192a^2b^2$
Coefficients of terms of $288\tilde{H}_8$		$L_1^2L_3^2$	$-9072a^4 + 46736a^2b^2$
$n^2L_1$	$337ab^2$	$L_1^2L_2^2$	$-9072a^4 + 53712a^2b^2$
$L_1L_3^2$	$-54a^3 - 102ab^2$	$L_1^4$	$-6768a^4 + 46976a^2b^2$
$L_1L_2^2$	$-54a^3 - 192ab^2$	$K_3L_1L_2L_3$	$12312a^3b + 120ab^3$
$L_1^3$	$-72a^3 - 102ab^2$	$n^2K_3^2$	$-4716a^4 + 9462a^2b^2$
$K_3L_2L_3$	$-144a^2b$	$K_3^2L_3^2$	$-12690a^4 + 48080a^2b^2$
$K_3^2L_1$	$-270a^3 - 108ab^2$	$K_3^2L_2^2$	$-2358a^4 - 2334a^2b^2$
$n^2K_2$	$156a^2b - 250b^3$	$K_3^2L_1^2$	$48080a^2b^2$
$K_2L_3^2$	$60a^2b$	$K_3^4$	$-5895a^4$
$K_2L_2^2$	$-84a^2b + 86b^3$	$n^2K_2L_1$	$-27768a^3b + 74320ab^3$
$K_2L_1^2$	$-246a^2b$	$K_2L_1L_3^2$	$-5976a^3b - 10056ab^3$
$K_2K_3^2$	$330a^2b$	$K_2L_1L_2^2$	$6336a^3b - 27312ab^3$
$K_2^2L_1$	$-270a^3 + 510ab^2$	$K_2L_1^3$	$2784a^3b - 10056ab^3$
$K_2^3$	$330a^2b - 250b^3$	$K_2K_3L_2L_3$	$-20664a^4 + 70888a^2b^2$
$K_1K_3L_3$	$108ab^2$	$K_2K_3^2L_1$	$-47520a^3b - 11232ab^3$
		$n^2K_2^2$	$-4716a^4 + 38978a^2b^2 - 35630b^4$
		$K_2^2L_3^2$	$-2358a^4 + 5266a^2b^2$
		$K_2^2L_2^2$	$-12690a^4 + 25740a^2b^2 + 8910b^4$
		$K_2^2K_3^2$	$-11790a^4 + 31290a^2b^2$
		$K_2^3L_1$	$-47520a^3b + 48000ab^3$
		$K_2^4$	$-5895a^4 + 31290a^2b^2 - 17815b^4$
		$n^2K_1L_2$	$-336a^3b - 4352ab^3$
		$K_1L_2L_3^2$	$768a^3b - 120ab^3$
		$K_1L_2^3$	$768a^3b + 744ab^3$
		$K_1K_3^2L_2$	$3720a^3b$
		$K_1K_2K_3L_3$	$-3720a^3b + 11232ab^3$

$$\hat{H}_2 = 2n \quad (3.15)$$

$$\hat{H}_4 = n(aL_1 - bK_2) \quad (3.16)$$

The coefficients for the other terms are presented in table 3.1. Next we subtract the constant term  $\hat{H}_2 = 2n$  and then divide  $\hat{H}$  by  $n\epsilon$ .

In the resulting rescaled Hamiltonian, called the *first reduced* Hamiltonian, we make the successive linear changes of variables

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 &= aL_1 - bK_2 & T_2 &= aL_2 + bK_1 & T_3 &= L_3 \\ V_1 &= aK_1 - bL_2 & V_2 &= aK_2 + bL_1 & V_3 &= K_3 \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \frac{T_1 + V_1}{2} & x_2 &= \frac{T_2 + V_2}{2} & x_3 &= \frac{T_3 + V_3}{2} \\ y_1 &= \frac{T_1 - V_1}{2} & y_2 &= \frac{T_2 - V_2}{2} & y_3 &= \frac{T_3 - V_3}{2} \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

The variables  $x, y$  satisfy

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 = \frac{n^2}{4} \quad y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2 = \frac{n^2}{4} \quad (3.19)$$

They span the algebra  $\mathfrak{so}(3) \times \mathfrak{so}(3) = \mathfrak{so}(4)$ . Specifically, the Poisson structure is

$$\{x_i, x_j\} = \sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} x_k \quad \{y_i, y_j\} = \sum_k \varepsilon_{ijk} y_k \quad \{x_i, y_j\} = 0 \quad (3.20)$$

After all these transformations the lowest order non-trivial term of the first reduced Hamiltonian becomes

$$\mathcal{H}_1 = \hat{H}_4 = x_1 + y_1 \quad (3.21)$$

We define  $\mathcal{H}_j = \hat{H}_{2j+2}$ . Notice that  $\mathcal{H}_j$  is a homogeneous polynomial of degree  $j$  in  $(x, y, n)$ . The first reduced Hamiltonian can be written in terms of  $(x, y, n)$  as

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_1 + \epsilon \mathcal{H}_2 + \epsilon^2 \mathcal{H}_3 + \epsilon^3 \mathcal{H}_4 \quad (3.22)$$

where the terms  $\mathcal{H}_2, \mathcal{H}_3$  and  $\mathcal{H}_4$  can be computed straightforwardly from table 3.1 using (3.17) and (3.18).

## 3.2 Second Normalization and Reduction

A characteristic feature of the hydrogen atom in crossed fields is that the vector field of the first term  $\mathcal{H}_1$  of  $\mathcal{H}$  (3.22) induces an  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$ . We normalize and reduce  $\mathcal{H}$  with respect to this action.

### 3.2.1 Second Normalization

$\mathcal{H}_1$  generates the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action  $\Phi$  on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$  given by

$$\Phi : \mathbf{S}^1 \times (\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2) \rightarrow (\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2) : (t, (x, y)) \rightarrow (x_1, R(t) \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix}, y_1, R(t) \begin{pmatrix} y_2 \\ y_3 \end{pmatrix}) \quad (3.23)$$

where  $R(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix}$ .

We normalize the Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{H}$  (3.22) with respect to  $\Phi$ . First, we define new variables

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 &= \frac{1}{2}x_1 & z_2 &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(x_2 + ix_3) & \bar{z}_2 &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(x_2 - ix_3) \\ w_1 &= \frac{1}{2}y_1 & w_2 &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(y_2 + iy_3) & \bar{w}_3 &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}(y_2 - iy_3) \end{aligned} \quad (3.24)$$

Then notice that

$$\{z_1, z_2\} = \frac{z_2}{2i} \quad \{z_1, \bar{z}_2\} = -\frac{\bar{z}_2}{2i} \quad \{z_2, \bar{z}_2\} = \frac{z_1}{2i} \quad (3.25)$$

In these variables  $\mathcal{H}_1$  becomes  $\mathcal{H}_1 = 2(z_1 + w_1)$  and the action of  $\text{ad}_{\mathcal{H}_1} = \{\mathcal{H}_1, \cdot\}$  on a monomial  $z^a w^b = z_1^{a_1} z_2^{a_2} \bar{z}_2^{a_3} w_1^{b_1} w_2^{b_2} \bar{w}_2^{b_3}$  is diagonal:

$$\{\mathcal{H}_1, z^a w^b\} = -i(a_2 - a_3 + b_2 - b_3)z^a w^b \quad (3.26)$$

Therefore the variables  $z$  and  $w$  are particularly suitable for the application of the standard Lie series algorithm [36, 63] for the computation of the second normal form, since they trivialize the task of solving the homological equation.

*Remark 3.3.* Another way to perform the second normalization is to express  $\mathcal{H}$  (3.22) in terms of the original variables  $(q, p)$ . Then normalization can be performed in these variables and the result can be re-expressed in terms of the variables  $(x, y)$ .

The result of the second normalization is the Hamiltonian

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}} = \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_1 + \epsilon \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_2 + \epsilon^2 \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_3 + \epsilon^3 \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_4 \quad (3.27)$$

where each term  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_j$  is a homogeneous polynomial of degree  $j$  in  $(x, y, n)$ . Explicit expressions for  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  can be easily obtained from the expressions for the second reduced Hamiltonian  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  (3.32) given in table 3.2.

### 3.2.2 Second Reduction

**Lemma 3.4.** *The algebra  $\mathbf{R}[x, y]^\Phi$  of  $\Phi$  (3.23) invariant polynomials in the variables  $(x, y)$  is generated by*

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_1 &= x_1 - y_1 & \pi_2 &= 4(x_2 y_2 + x_3 y_3) & \pi_3 &= 4(x_3 y_2 - x_2 y_3) \\ \pi_4 &= x_1 + y_1 & \pi_5 &= 4(x_2^2 + x_3^2) & \pi_6 &= 4(y_2^2 + y_3^2) \end{aligned} \quad (3.28)$$

These invariants satisfy

$$\pi_2^2 + \pi_3^2 = \pi_5 \pi_6 \quad (3.29a)$$

$$\pi_5 = n^2 - (\pi_1 + \pi_4)^2 \quad (3.29b)$$

$$\pi_6 = n^2 - (\pi_1 - \pi_4)^2 \quad (3.29c)$$

$$\pi_5 \geq 0, \quad \pi_6 \geq 0 \quad (3.29d)$$

Note that  $\pi_4 = \mathcal{H}_1$  is the generator of  $\Phi$ .

The second reduced phase space  $M_{n,c} = (\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_1 | \mathbf{S}_n^2 \times \mathbf{S}_n^2)^{-1}(c) / \mathbf{S}^1$  is the semi-algebraic variety in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  with coordinates  $(\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3)$  defined by

$$\pi_2^2 + \pi_3^2 = (n^2 - (\pi_1 + c)^2)(n^2 - (\pi_1 - c)^2) \quad (3.30a)$$

$$\pi_1 \in [n - |c|, n + |c|] \quad (3.30b)$$

Notice that in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  the spaces  $M_{n,c}$  and  $M_{n,-c}$  have the same representation. The Poisson structure on  $M_{n,c}$  is

$$\{\pi_1, \pi_2\} = 2\pi_3 \quad (3.31a)$$

$$\{\pi_1, \pi_3\} = -2\pi_2 \quad (3.31b)$$

$$\{\pi_2, \pi_3\} = 4\pi_1(n^2 + c^2 - \pi_1^2) \quad (3.31c)$$

Expressing  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  (3.27) in terms of  $\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \pi_4 = c$  gives the second reduced Hamiltonian

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} = \hat{\mathcal{H}}_1 + \epsilon \hat{\mathcal{H}}_2 + \epsilon^2 \hat{\mathcal{H}}_3 + \epsilon^3 \hat{\mathcal{H}}_4 \quad (3.32)$$

where

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_1 = \pi_4 = c \quad (3.33)$$

The coefficients of the terms  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_2$ ,  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_3$  and  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_4$  are given in table 3.2.

**Table 3.2** Coefficients of the terms of the second reduced Hamiltonian  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$ .

Coefficients of terms of $72\hat{\mathcal{H}}_2$	
$\pi_2$	$-18a^2$
$\pi_1^2$	$9 - 18a^2 - 18a^4$
$c^2$	$-51 + 42a^2 - 18a^4$
$n^2$	$-17 + 38a^2 + 6a^4$
Coefficients of terms of $288\hat{\mathcal{H}}_3$	
$\pi_2 c$	$136a^2 - 16a^4 - 12a^6$
$\pi_1^2 c$	$-86 + 168a^2 - 10a^4 + 192a^6 - 102a^8$
$c^3$	$250 - 304a^2 + 122a^4 + 56a^6 - 34a^8$
$n^2 c$	$250 - 576a^2 + 178a^4 - 32a^6 + 18a^8$
Coefficients of terms of $13824\hat{\mathcal{H}}_4$	
$\pi_2^2$	$-1020a^4 + 48a^6 + 144a^8 - 144a^{10}$
$\pi_1^4$	$-303 + 1252a^2 - 304a^4 + 996a^6 - 3792a^8 + 1500a^{10} - 1500a^{12}$
$\pi_2 n^2$	$-4908a^2 + 8104a^4 + 2004a^6 + 56a^8 - 108a^{10}$
$\pi_1^2 \pi_2$	$1140a^2 - 2104a^4 - 1412a^6 + 264a^8 - 660a^{10}$
$\pi_1^2 n^2$	$2970 - 11048a^2 + 8528a^4 - 1064a^6 + 7640a^8 - 1416a^{10} + 1032a^{12}$
$\pi_1^2 c^2$	$8910 - 19896a^2 + 8016a^4 - 9144a^6 - 16608a^8 + 27624a^{10} - 9000a^{12}$
$\pi_2 c^2$	$-13092a^2 + 6136a^4 - 996a^6 + 1256a^8 - 612a^{10}$
$n^2 c^2$	$-35630 + 91624a^2 - 54800a^4 + 6888a^6 + 5784a^8 - 2568a^{10} + 1032a^{12}$
$c^4$	$-17815 + 28628a^2 - 16320a^4 - 1292a^6 + 240a^8 + 3676a^{10} - 1500a^{12}$
$n^4$	$-3563 + 13252a^2 - 11472a^4 - 860a^6 - 1848a^8 + 44a^{10} - 44a^{12}$



### 3.2.3 Fixed Points

The  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action  $\Phi$  (3.23) is not free. It leaves fixed the points

$$p_{\pm} = \frac{n}{2}(\pm 1, 0, 0; \mp 1, 0, 0) \quad \text{and} \quad z_{\pm} = \frac{n}{2}(\pm 1, 0, 0; \pm 1, 0, 0)$$

on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$ . Note that we use coordinates  $(x_1, x_2, x_3; y_1, y_2, y_3)$  to describe points on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$ . Therefore by Michel's theorem [86] these points are equilibria of any  $\Phi$  invariant Hamiltonian on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$ . In particular, they are equilibria of  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  (3.27).

Notice that the equilibria  $p_{\pm}$  and  $z_{\pm}$  of  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  correspond to equilibria of  $\mathcal{H}$  for small enough  $\epsilon$ . The problem is that the position of the equilibria of  $\mathcal{H}$  depends on  $n$  and  $\epsilon$ . One can find the equilibria of  $\mathcal{H}$  directly by solving  $X_{\mathcal{H}}|\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2 = 0$ , using a Newton-Raphson method with  $p_{\pm}$  or  $z_{\pm}$  as initial guess.

### 3.3 Discrete Symmetries and Reconstruction

The original Hamiltonian (3.1) is invariant with respect to a discrete group of transformations. This group is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$  and consists of the following elements

$$\begin{aligned} g_1 : (Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, P_1, P_2, P_3) &\mapsto (-Q_1, Q_2, -Q_3, P_1, -P_2, P_3) \\ g_2 : (Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, P_1, P_2, P_3) &\mapsto (-Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, -P_1, P_2, P_3) \\ g_3 : (Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, P_1, P_2, P_3) &\mapsto (Q_1, Q_2, -Q_3, -P_1, -P_2, P_3) \end{aligned} \quad (3.34)$$

Each  $g_i$  generates a  $\mathbf{Z}_2$  subgroup of this group. The induced transformations on the second reduced space  $M_{n,c}$  are

$$\begin{aligned} g_1 : (\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3) &\mapsto (-\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3) \\ g_2 : (\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3) &\mapsto (-\pi_1, \pi_2, -\pi_3) \\ g_3 : (\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3) &\mapsto (\pi_1, \pi_2, -\pi_3) \end{aligned} \quad (3.35)$$

The orbit space  $V_{n,c}$  of the  $\mathbf{Z}_2$  action on  $M_{n,c}$  generated by  $g_1$  is the image of  $M_{n,c}$  under the map

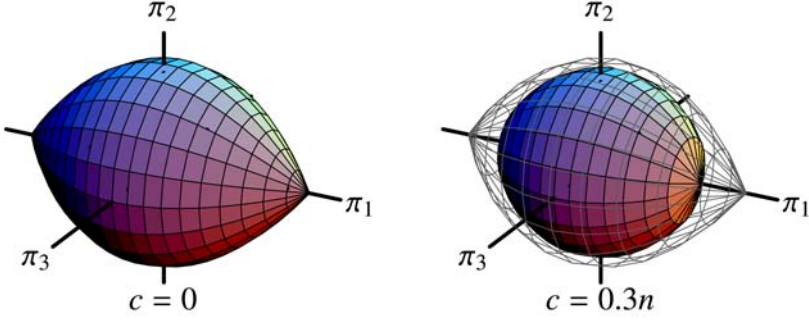
$$(\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3) \mapsto (w = n^2 - \pi_1^2, \pi_2, \pi_3) \quad (3.36)$$

On  $V_{n,c}$  define

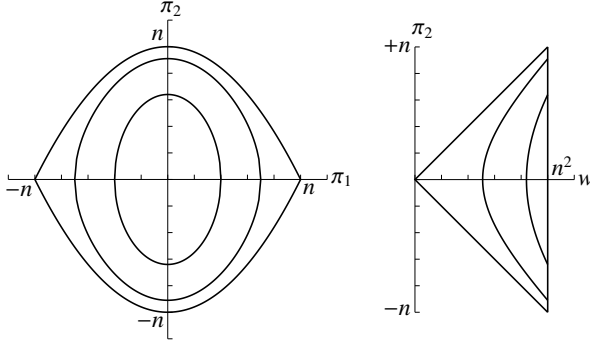
$$\mathcal{F}_c(w, \pi_2, \pi_3) = \widehat{\mathcal{H}}((n^2 - w)^{1/2}, \pi_2, \pi_3) \quad (3.37)$$

Since  $V_{n,c}$  is the orbit space of  $M_{n,c}$  with respect to the  $\mathbf{Z}_2$  symmetry generated by  $g_1$  each point of  $V_{n,c} \setminus \{w = n^2\}$  lifts to two points in  $M_{n,c}$ ; while each point on the line  $\{w = n^2\}$  lifts to one point.

Each point of  $M_{n,c}$  lifts to an  $\mathbf{S}^1$  orbit (a topological circle) on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$ . The only exceptions are the singular points of  $M_{n,0}$  which lift to only one point on



**Fig. 3.1** Second reduced phase spaces  $M_{n,c}$ .



**Fig. 3.2** (a) Intersections  $M_{n,c}^0$  of  $M_{n,c}$  with the plane  $\{\pi_3 = 0\}$ . (b) Intersections  $V_{n,c}^0$  of  $V_{n,c}$  with the plane  $\{\pi_3 = 0\}$ .  $M_{n,c}$  and  $V_{n,c}$  are obtained by revolution around the  $\pi_1$  and  $w$  axes respectively.

$\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$ , and the single points  $M_{n,\pm n}$ , which lift to two single points. Specifically, the singular point of  $M_{n,0}$  with coordinates  $P_+ = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3) = (n, 0, 0)$  lifts to the point  $p_+ = n/2(1, 0, 0; -1, 0, 0)$  while the point  $P_- = (-n, 0, 0)$  lifts to the point  $p_- = n/2(-1, 0, 0; 1, 0, 0)$ . Recall that we give coordinates of points on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$  as  $(x_1, x_2, x_3; y_1, y_2, y_3)$ . Each reduced phase space  $M_{n,\pm n}$  consists of a single point with coordinates  $(\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3) = (0, 0, 0)$ . These lift to the points  $z_{\pm}$  on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$  with coordinates  $z_{\pm} = n/2(\pm 1, 0, 0; \pm 1, 0, 0)$ . Notice that the points  $p_{\pm}$  and  $z_{\pm}$  are fixed points of the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action  $\Phi$  (3.23) on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$  and therefore they are equilibria of any  $\Phi$  invariant Hamiltonian on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$ .

The equilibria of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  on  $M_{n,c}$  are the points where a level curve of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  becomes tangent to  $M_{n,c}$ . Since both  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  and  $M_{n,c}$  are invariant with respect to the transformation  $g_3 : \pi_3 \mapsto -\pi_3$ , we expect to find all such points of tangency on the plane  $\pi_3 = 0$ . Therefore when looking for equilibria of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  we can restrict our attention to  $M_{n,c}^0 = M_{n,c} \cap \{\pi_3 = 0\}$ . Notice that instead of finding points of tangency between the level sets of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}$  and  $M_{n,c}^0$  we can find points of tangency between the level sets of  $\mathcal{F}_c$  and  $V_{n,c}^0 = V_{n,c} \cap \{\pi_3 = 0\}$ .

*Remark 3.5.* Since  $\widehat{\mathcal{H}}$  is invariant with respect to  $g_1 : \pi_1 \mapsto -\pi_1$ , its level curves are horizontal at  $\pi_1 = 0$ . This means that on the curve  $M_{n,c}^0$  the points  $(0, \pm c)$  (the higher and lower points) are always points of tangency between the space and a level curve of  $\widehat{\mathcal{H}}$ . Therefore, these points are relative equilibria of  $\mathcal{H}$  (3.27) on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$ . In the orbit space  $M_n = \bigcup_c M_{n,c}$  these points form the line  $s \in [-n, n] \mapsto (0, s, 0)$ .

*Remark 3.6.* It is possible to reduce completely the  $\mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$  action by taking also into account the effect of  $g_3 : \pi_3 \mapsto -\pi_3$ . This is not necessary for our purposes.

### 3.4 The Hamiltonian Hopf Bifurcations

We come now to the main result of this chapter, which is that the equilibria  $p_{\pm}$  of  $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}$  go through Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcations. Notice that we work with the second normalized Hamiltonian  $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}$  on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$  and not with the second reduced Hamiltonian  $\widehat{\mathcal{H}}$  on  $M_{n,c}$ . We prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.7.** *The equilibria  $p_{\pm} = \frac{n}{2}(\pm 1, 0, 0, \mp 1, 0, 0)$  of the second normalized Hamiltonian  $\widetilde{\mathcal{H}}$  (3.27) on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$  undergo a supercritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation at  $a = a_1(n\epsilon)$  and a subcritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation at  $a = a_2(n\epsilon)$ . Here  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  are functions of  $\delta = n\epsilon$  given below in (3.58) and (3.59).*

**Outline of the proof.** The first step of the proof is to find a local chart  $(Q, P)$  on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$  near the point  $p_+$ . The symplectic form in the chart  $(Q, P)$  is in Darboux form only up to constant terms:

$$\omega = dQ_1 \wedge dP_1 + dQ_2 \wedge dP_2 + \omega_2(Q, P) + \omega_4(Q, P) + \cdots \quad (3.38)$$

Here  $\omega_2$  and  $\omega_4$  are two-forms of degrees 2 and 4 respectively. In order to study the local dynamics near the equilibrium point  $p_+$  we need to flatten the symplectic form to Darboux form at an appropriate order, using a constructive version of the Darboux theorem [29]. The result of flattening is a new chart  $(q, p)$  in which the symplectic form is

$$\omega = dq_1 \wedge dp_1 + dq_2 \wedge dp_2 + \widetilde{\omega}_4(q, p) + \cdots \quad (3.39)$$

After flattening the symplectic form and expressing the local Hamiltonian in the chart  $(q, p)$ , we reduce the local Hamiltonian with respect to the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  symmetry that is induced on the local chart from  $\Phi$  (3.23). The invariants of the induced  $\mathbf{S}^1$  symmetry are generated by the quadratic polynomials  $M$ ,  $N$ ,  $T$  and  $S$  in the variables  $(q, p)$ ;  $S$  is the generator of the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  symmetry and  $M$ ,  $N$  generate nilpotent linear Hamiltonian vector fields  $X_M$  and  $X_N$  respectively.

The next step is to bring the quadratic part  $G_2$  of the local Hamiltonian  $G$  into the versal normal form for the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation, namely

$$G_2 = \alpha M + N + \Omega S \quad \text{or} \quad G_2 = M + \beta N + \Omega S \quad (3.40)$$

We also have to check that certain transversality conditions are satisfied when  $\alpha = 0$  or  $\beta = 0$ . This proves that the local Hamiltonian goes through a *linear* Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation.

The final step is to normalize  $G$  with respect to  $X_M$  (or  $X_N$ ) and check the sign of the coefficient of the term  $M^2$  (or  $N^2$ ) in order to determine if the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation is supercritical or subcritical.  $\square$

In the next sections we fill in the details of the argument sketched above.

### 3.4.1 Local Chart

We define a local chart on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$  near the point  $p_+$  with coordinates  $Q_1, Q_2, P_1, P_2$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \left( \frac{n^2}{4} - \frac{n Q_1^2}{2} - \frac{n P_1^2}{2} \right)^{1/2} & x_2 &= \left( \frac{n}{2} \right)^{1/2} Q_1 & x_3 &= \left( \frac{n}{2} \right)^{1/2} P_1 \\ y_1 &= - \left( \frac{n^2}{4} - \frac{n Q_2^2}{2} - \frac{n P_2^2}{2} \right)^{1/2} & y_2 &= \left( \frac{n}{2} \right)^{1/2} P_2 & y_3 &= \left( \frac{n}{2} \right)^{1/2} Q_2 \end{aligned}$$

Note that the coordinate functions  $Q$  and  $P$  are not canonically conjugate since the symplectic 2-form in these coordinates is

$$\omega = dQ_1 \wedge dP_1 + dQ_2 \wedge dP_2 + (\text{higher order terms}) \quad (3.41)$$

We make the transformation

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1 &= -\frac{1}{2}(p_1 + p_2 + q_1 - q_2) & Q_2 &= -\frac{1}{2}(p_1 - p_2 + q_1 + q_2) \\ P_1 &= \frac{1}{2}(-p_1 + p_2 + q_1 + q_2) & P_2 &= -\frac{1}{2}(p_1 + p_2 - q_1 + q_2) \end{aligned}$$

The coordinate functions  $q, p$  are not canonical either and the symplectic 2-form has the form

$$\omega = \omega_0 + \omega_2 + \omega_4 + \cdots \quad (3.42)$$

where

$$\omega_0 = dq_1 \wedge dp_1 + dq_2 \wedge dp_2 \quad (3.43)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_2 &= \frac{1}{2n}(p_1^2 + p_2^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2)(dq_1 \wedge dp_1 + dq_2 \wedge dp_2) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{n}(p_1 q_2 - p_2 q_1)(dq_1 \wedge dq_2 + dp_1 \wedge dp_2) \end{aligned} \quad (3.44)$$

### 3.4.2 Flattening of the Symplectic Form

The first step in order to study the local behavior of the Hamiltonian system near  $p_+$  is to *flatten* the symplectic form  $\omega$  (3.42) up to second degree terms. In other words, we need to eliminate the term  $\omega_2$ . This means that we find a near identity transformation  $\phi$  such that

$$\phi^*\omega = \omega_0 + \tilde{\omega}_4 + \cdots \quad (3.45)$$

where the components of  $\tilde{\omega}_4$  are homogeneous polynomials of degree 4 in  $(q, p)$ .

The following lemma explains why flattening  $\omega$  up to the second degree terms is sufficient.

**Lemma 3.8.** *Consider a Hamiltonian  $H = H_2 + H_3 + \cdots$  and a symplectic form  $\omega = \omega_0 + \omega_j + \cdots$ , which is flat to degree  $j - 1$ . Then the  $j$ -jet of the Hamiltonian vector field  $X$  of  $H$  with respect to  $\omega$  is equal to the  $j$ -jet of the Hamiltonian vector field  $Y$  of  $H$  with respect to  $\omega_0$ .*

**Proof.** Write the Hamiltonian vector field  $X$  as

$$X = X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \cdots \quad (3.46)$$

where the components of  $X_j$  are homogeneous polynomials of degree  $j$  in  $(q, p)$ .  $X$  is the solution of the equation  $X \lrcorner \omega = dH$ , or

$$(X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \cdots) \lrcorner (\omega_0 + \omega_j + \cdots) = dH_2 + dH_3 + \cdots \quad (3.47)$$

Splitting this equation into terms of equal degree we get

$$\begin{aligned} X_k \lrcorner \omega_0 &= dH_{1+k}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq j \\ X_k \lrcorner \omega_0 + \sum_{l=1}^{k-j} X_l \lrcorner \omega_{j+1-l} &= dH_{1+k}, \quad k \geq j+1 \end{aligned}$$

from which the lemma follows.  $\square$

Applying lemma 3.8 to the case at hand shows that when the first non-zero terms of the symplectic form after  $\omega_0$  are of degree 4 then we can study Hamiltonians of degree up to 5 without any more flattening, and this is exactly what we need.

Flattening of the symplectic form is done using the method described in [29]. Specifically we find a vector field  $X$  such that  $\mathcal{L}_X \omega_0 + \omega_2 = 0$ . An  $X$  satisfying

$$X \lrcorner \omega_0 = -\frac{1}{4} \left( q_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial q_1} + q_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial q_2} + p_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial p_1} + p_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial p_2} \right) \lrcorner \omega_2 \quad (3.48)$$

does the job. A short computation gives

$$\begin{aligned}
X = & \frac{1}{8n} \left( (-q_1(q_1^2 + q_2^2 + p_1^2 + p_2^2) - 2p_2(p_2q_1 - p_1q_2)) \frac{\partial}{\partial q_1} \right. \\
& + (-q_2(q_1^2 + q_2^2 + p_1^2 + p_2^2) + 2p_1(p_2q_1 - p_1q_2)) \frac{\partial}{\partial q_2} \\
& + (-p_1(q_1^2 + q_2^2 + p_1^2 + p_2^2) + 2q_2(p_2q_1 - p_1q_2)) \frac{\partial}{\partial p_1} \\
& \left. + (-p_2(q_1^2 + q_2^2 + p_1^2 + p_2^2) - 2q_1(p_2q_1 - p_1q_2)) \frac{\partial}{\partial p_2} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{3.49}$$

Let  $\mathcal{H}^{\text{loc}}$  be the Taylor expansion of  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$ , expressed in the coordinates  $(q, p)$  near  $(0, 0)$ . The final step is to use the transformation  $\phi$  generated by the flow of the vector field  $X$  in order to obtain the Hamiltonian  $\phi^*\mathcal{H}^{\text{loc}}$  in the new coordinates in which  $\omega$  is flat to terms of degree 2. We have

$$\phi^*\mathcal{H}^{\text{loc}} = \mathcal{H}_2^{\text{loc}} + (\mathcal{L}_X\mathcal{H}_2^{\text{loc}} + \mathcal{H}_4^{\text{loc}}) + \dots \tag{3.50}$$

### 3.4.3 $\mathbf{S}^1$ Symmetry

The Hamiltonian  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action  $\Phi$  (3.23) on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$  induces an  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action on the local chart. A computation shows that the action induced on the chart  $(q, p)$  is a rotation

$$\tilde{\Phi} : \mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^4 : (t, (q, p)) \mapsto (R(t)q, R(t)p) \tag{3.51}$$

where  $R(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t \\ \sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Lemma 3.9.** *The algebra  $\mathbf{R}[q, p]^{\tilde{\Phi}}$  of  $\tilde{\Phi}$ -invariant polynomials in  $(q, p)$  is generated multiplicatively by*

$$M = \frac{1}{2}(p_1^2 + p_2^2), \quad N = \frac{1}{2}(q_1^2 + q_2^2), \quad S = q_1p_2 - q_2p_1, \quad T = q_1p_1 + q_2p_2. \tag{3.52}$$

which satisfy

$$S^2 + T^2 = 4MN, \quad M \geq 0, \quad N \geq 0. \tag{3.53}$$

Note that  $S$  is the generator of  $\tilde{\Phi}$  (3.51). The Poisson structure of the algebra generated by  $M, N, T$  is

$$\{M, N\} = -T \tag{3.54a}$$

$$\{M, T\} = -2M \tag{3.54b}$$

$$\{N, T\} = 2N \tag{3.54c}$$

$S$  is the Casimir of this algebra.

Since the second normalized Hamiltonian  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  is  $\mathbf{S}^1$  invariant and the flattening vector field  $X$  (3.49) is  $\mathbf{S}^1$  equivariant ( $\mathcal{L}_X S = 0$ ) the local Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{H}^{\text{loc}}$  (3.50) is  $\mathbf{S}^1$  invariant. Because of lemma 3.9  $\mathcal{H}^{\text{loc}}$  can be expressed in terms of the invariants (3.52). Therefore truncating the local Hamiltonian to terms of degree 4, flattening and expressing the result in terms of the invariants (3.52) gives the Hamiltonian

$$G = G_2 + \epsilon G_4 \quad (3.55)$$

Here  $G_2$  and  $G_4$  are homogeneous polynomials of degrees 1 and 2 respectively in the invariants (3.52). Explicit expressions of  $G_2$  and  $G_4$  are given in table 3.3.

**Table 3.3** Coefficients of  $G = G_2 + \epsilon G_4$ . Here  $\delta = n\epsilon$  and  $a$  is defined in (3.7).

Coefficients of terms in $1728G_2$	
$M$	$-432\delta + 864a^4\delta - 591\delta^3 + 1194a^2\delta^3 - 480a^4\delta^3 - 84a^6\delta^3 + 66a^8\delta^3 - 588a^{10}\delta^3 + 492a^{12}\delta^3$
$N$	$-432\delta + 1728a^2\delta + 864a^4\delta - 591\delta^3 + 3078a^2\delta^3 - 3480a^4\delta^3 - 380a^6\delta^3 - 94a^8\delta^3 - 204a^{10}\delta^3 + 492a^{12}\delta^3$
$S$	$-1728 - 984\delta^2 + 2448a^2\delta^2 - 1008a^4\delta^2 - 960a^6\delta^2 + 504a^8\delta^2$
Coefficients of terms in $3456G_4$	
$NS$	$-2064\delta + 7296a^2\delta - 624a^4\delta + 4320a^6\delta - 2448a^8\delta$
$MS$	$-2064\delta + 768a^2\delta + 144a^4\delta + 4896a^6\delta - 2448a^8\delta$
$MN$	$-864 + 1728a^2 + 1728a^4 - 576\delta^2 + 1768a^2\delta^2 - 5392a^4\delta^2 - 2360a^6\delta^2 + 7844a^8\delta^2 - 4080a^{10}\delta^2 + 3984a^{12}\delta^2$
$M^2$	$432 - 864a^4 + 288\delta^2 - 1082a^2\delta^2 + 1260a^4\delta^2 + 2540a^6\delta^2 - 3978a^8\delta^2 + 2604a^{10}\delta^2 - 1992a^{12}\delta^2$
$N^2$	$432 - 1728a^2 - 864a^4 + 288\delta^2 - 686a^2\delta^2 + 52a^4\delta^2 + 12a^6\delta^2 - 3290a^8\delta^2 + 900a^{10}\delta^2 - 1992a^{12}\delta^2$
$S^2$	$-2016 + 1152a^2 - 1728a^4 - 6392\delta^2 + 17048a^2\delta^2 - 9000a^4\delta^2 + 616a^6\delta^2 - 6628a^8\delta^2 + 8304a^{10}\delta^2 - 3984a^{12}\delta^2$

### 3.4.4 Linear Hamiltonian Hopf Bifurcation

We write the quadratic in  $(q, p)$  part of  $G$  (3.55) as

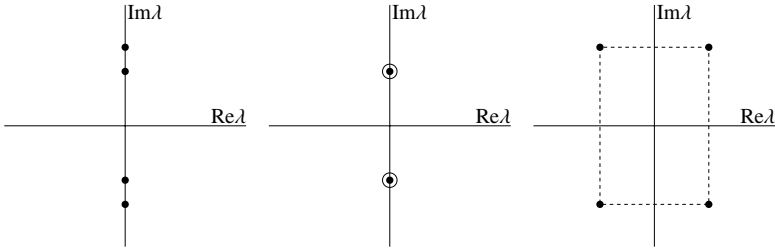
$$G_2 = \delta A(a, \delta)M + \delta B(a, \delta)N + C(a, \delta)S \quad (3.56)$$

where  $\delta = n\epsilon$  and the coefficients  $A(a, \delta)$ ,  $B(a, \delta)$  and  $C(a, \delta)$  can be read off the first entries in table 3.3. To stress that  $G$  depends on the parameters  $a$  and  $\delta = n\epsilon$  we write  $G_{a, \delta}$  instead of  $G$ .

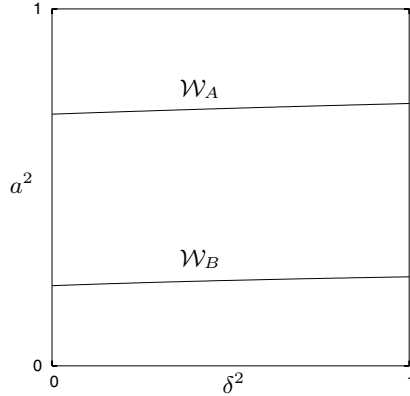
The eigenvalues of the Hamiltonian matrix of  $G_2$  are

$$\pm i(C \pm \delta\sqrt{AB}) \quad (3.57)$$

It is obvious from (3.57) that the equilibrium at the origin changes linear stability type when either  $A$  or  $B$  change sign. Specifically, when  $AB < 0$  the origin is complex hyperbolic (CH); while when  $AB > 0$  it is elliptic-elliptic (EE). At  $A = 0$  or  $B = 0$  the eigenvalues are  $(iC, iC, -iC, -iC)$  but the Hamiltonian matrix of  $G_2$  is not semisimple.



**Fig. 3.3** The movement of eigenvalues at a linear Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation.



**Fig. 3.4** Bifurcation sets

Let  $\mathcal{W}_A$  and  $\mathcal{W}_B$  be the curves on the parameter plane  $(a, \delta)$  on which  $A(a, \delta) = 0$  and  $B(a, \delta) = 0$  respectively. Let  $a_1(\delta)$  be the function that satisfies  $A(a_1(\delta), \delta) = 0$  and  $a_2(\delta)$  the function that satisfies  $B(a_2(\delta), \delta) = 0$ . For small  $\delta$ , the Taylor series of the squares of these two functions are

$$a_1(\delta)^2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{-335 + 251\sqrt{2}}{576} \delta^2 + O(\delta^4) \quad (3.58)$$

and

$$a_2(\delta)^2 = \frac{\sqrt{6} - 2}{2} + \frac{58875 - 23596\sqrt{6}}{5184} \delta^2 + O(\delta^4) \quad (3.59)$$

The curves  $\mathcal{W}_A$  and  $\mathcal{W}_B$  are depicted in fig. 3.4. We note that they do not intersect.

We prove the following

**Lemma 3.10.** *The one-parameter family of Hamiltonians  $s \mapsto G_{\mathcal{C}(s)}$  goes through a linear Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation when the curve  $\mathcal{C} : s \mapsto (a(s), \delta(s))$  crosses one of the curves  $\mathcal{W}_A$  or  $\mathcal{W}_B$  transversely at a point with  $\delta > 0$ .*



**Proof.** Consider first the case in which  $\mathcal{C}$  crosses  $\mathcal{W}_A$  transversely. This means that there is an  $s_1$  such that  $A(a(s_1), \delta(s_1)) = 0$  and  $\delta(s_1) > 0$ . Since  $\mathcal{W}_A$  and  $\mathcal{W}_B$  do not intersect, we can find a neighborhood  $U$  of  $s_1$  such that for all  $s \in U$   $B(a(s), \delta(s)) \neq 0$ .

We rescale the Hamiltonian  $G$  (3.55) by dividing out  $\delta B(a, \delta)$ . Let

$$\tilde{G} = \tilde{G}_2 + \epsilon \tilde{G}_4 = \frac{G}{\delta B(a, \delta)} \quad (3.60)$$

The quadratic part of  $\tilde{G}$  is

$$\tilde{G}_2 = \alpha(a, \delta)M + N + \Omega_1(a, \delta)S \quad (3.61)$$

where  $\alpha(a, \delta) = A(a, \delta)/B(a, \delta)$  and  $\Omega_1(a, \delta) = C(a, \delta)/(\delta B(a, \delta))$ . Clearly  $\alpha(a(s_1), \delta(s_1)) = 0$ . The Hamiltonian matrix of  $\tilde{G}_2$  is

$$Y_1(a, \delta) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\Omega_1(a, \delta) & 1 & 0 \\ \Omega_1(a, \delta) & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -\alpha(a, \delta) & 0 & 0 & -\Omega_1(a, \delta) \\ 0 & -\alpha(a, \delta) & \Omega_1(a, \delta) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.62)$$

The one-parameter family of infinitesimally symplectic matrices  $s \mapsto \tilde{Y}_1(s) = Y_1(a(s), \delta(s))$  is in normal form for  $s$  near  $s_1$ . Note that

$$\tilde{Y}_1(s_1) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\Omega_1^0 & 1 & 0 \\ \Omega_1^0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -\Omega_1^0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Omega_1^0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.63)$$

where  $\Omega_1^0 = \Omega_1(a(s_1), \delta(s_1))$ . A straightforward computation shows that  $\Omega_1^0 \neq 0$ . Because  $\mathcal{C}$  intersects  $\mathcal{W}_A$  transversely we have that

$$\left. \frac{d\alpha(a(s), \delta(s))}{ds} \right|_{s=s_1} \neq 0 \quad (3.64)$$

Therefore the family of Hamiltonians  $s \mapsto \tilde{G}_2(s)$  undergoes a linear Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation at  $s_1$ .

The treatment of the second case is almost identical. In this case let  $s_2$  be such that  $B(a(s_2), \delta(s_2)) = 0$ . We can find a neighborhood  $U$  of  $s_2$  such that for all  $s \in U$   $A(a(s), \delta(s)) \neq 0$ . We rescale  $G$  dividing by  $\delta A(a, \delta)$ . Let

$$\hat{G} = \hat{G}_2 + \epsilon \hat{G}_4 = \frac{G}{\delta A(a, \delta)} \quad (3.65)$$

The quadratic part of  $\hat{G}$  is

$$\hat{G}_2 = M + \beta(a, \delta)N + \Omega_2(a, \delta)S \quad (3.66)$$

where  $\beta(a, \delta) = B(a, \delta)/A(a, \delta)$  and  $\Omega_2(a, \delta) = C(a, \delta)/(\delta A(a, \delta))$ . Clearly  $\beta(a(s_2), \delta(s_2)) = 0$ .

The Hamiltonian matrix of  $\hat{G}_2$  is

$$Y_2(a, \delta) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\Omega_2(a, \delta) & \beta(a, \delta) & 0 \\ \Omega_2(a, \delta) & 0 & 0 & \beta(a, \delta) \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & -\Omega_2(a, \delta) \\ 0 & -1 & \Omega_2(a, \delta) & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.67)$$

The one-parameter family of infinitesimally symplectic matrices  $s \mapsto \tilde{Y}_2(s) = Y_2(a(s), \delta(s))$  is already in normal form near  $s_2$ . Notice that

$$\tilde{Y}_2(s_0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\Omega_2^0 & 0 & 0 \\ \Omega_2^0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & -\Omega_2^0 \\ 0 & -1 & \Omega_2^0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.68)$$

where  $\Omega_2^0 = \Omega_2(a(s_2), \delta(s_2))$ . A straightforward computation shows that  $\Omega_2^0 \neq 0$ . Moreover because  $\mathcal{C}$  intersects  $\mathcal{W}_B$  transversally we have that

$$\left. \frac{d\beta(a(s), \delta(s))}{ds} \right|_{s=s_2} \neq 0 \quad (3.69)$$

Therefore the family  $s \mapsto \hat{G}_2(s)$  undergoes a linear Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation at  $s_2$ .  $\square$

### 3.4.5 Nonlinear Hamiltonian Hopf Bifurcation

In this section we normalize the rescaled Hamiltonians  $\tilde{G}$  and  $\hat{G}$  with respect to  $X_N$  and  $X_M$  respectively in order to study the nonlinear Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcations. We prove that

**Lemma 3.11.** *Any one-parameter family  $s \mapsto G_{a(s), \delta(s)}$  that crosses the curve  $\mathcal{W}_A$  transversely at a point with  $\delta > 0$  goes through a supercritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation.*

**Proof.** We begin with the rescaled Hamiltonian  $\tilde{G}$  (3.60) with quadratic part

$$\tilde{G}_2 = \alpha(a, \delta)M + N + \Omega(a, \delta)S \quad (3.70)$$

from lemma 3.10. We proved already that  $s \mapsto \tilde{G}_2(s)$  goes through a linear Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation at  $s_1$ .

We normalize the Hamiltonian  $\tilde{G}$  (3.60) with respect to  $X_N$  using the generator

$$W = c_1 NT + c_2 ST + c_3 MT \quad (3.71)$$

The coefficients  $c_i$  are determined by demanding that only the terms  $M^2$ ,  $S^2$  and  $MS$  appear in the quadratic part of the normal form. Specifically, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\exp(\epsilon \mathcal{L}_W) \tilde{G} &= (1 + \epsilon \text{ad}_W + O(\epsilon^2))(\tilde{G}_2 + \epsilon \tilde{G}_4 + O(\epsilon^2)) \\
&= \tilde{G}_2 + \epsilon(\tilde{G}_4 + \{W, \tilde{G}_2\}) + O(\epsilon^2) \\
&= \tilde{G}_2 + \tilde{\mathcal{G}}_4 + O(\epsilon^2)
\end{aligned}$$

The term  $\{W, \tilde{G}_2\}$  is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
\{W, \tilde{G}_2\} &= (6c_1\alpha - 6c_3)MN + (c_3 - c_1\alpha)S^2 \\
&\quad - 2c_1N^2 + 2c_3\alpha M^2 + 2c_2\alpha MS - 2c_2NS
\end{aligned}$$

At the bifurcation we have  $\alpha = 0$ . Therefore

$$\{W, \tilde{G}_2\} = -6c_3MN + c_3S^2 - 2c_1N^2 - 2c_2NS \quad (3.72)$$

It is clear that we can ensure that  $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}_4$  (3.4.5) is free of terms  $MN$ ,  $N^2$  and  $NS$  by choosing  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$  and  $c_3$  appropriately.

A concrete computation shows that at  $a = a_1(\delta)$  (3.58) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\mathcal{G}}_4 &= M^2(0.0922\delta + 0.0124742\delta^3) + MS(-0.135 + 0.0484\delta^2) \\
&\quad + S^2(-0.678\frac{1}{\delta} + 0.03\delta - 0.00671\delta^3)
\end{aligned} \quad (3.73)$$

(the numbers given are approximate). Since the coefficient of  $M^2$  is positive (for  $\delta > 0$ ) the lemma follows.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.12.** *Any one-parameter family  $s \mapsto G_{a(s), \delta(s)}$  that crosses transversely the line  $\mathcal{W}_B$  at a point with  $\delta > 0$  goes through a subcritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation.*

**Proof.** Again we begin with the rescaled Hamiltonian  $\hat{G}$  (3.65) with quadratic part

$$\hat{G}_2 = M + \beta(a, \delta)N + \Omega(a, \delta)S \quad (3.74)$$

We normalize  $\hat{G}$  (3.65) with respect to  $X_M$  using the generator

$$W = c_1NT + c_2ST + c_3MT \quad (3.75)$$

where the coefficients  $c_i$  in this case are determined by demanding that only terms  $N^2$ ,  $S^2$  and  $NS$  appear in the normal form. We find

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{\mathcal{G}}_4 &= N^2(-0.0628\delta + 0.118\delta^3) + NS(0.531 - 0.822\delta^2) \\
&\quad + S^2(2.541\frac{1}{\delta} + 1.846\delta - 1.950\delta^3) + O(\delta^4)
\end{aligned} \quad (3.76)$$

In this case the coefficient of  $N^2$  is negative for small  $\delta$  and we have a subcritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation.  $\square$

### 3.5 Hamiltonian Hopf Bifurcation and Monodromy

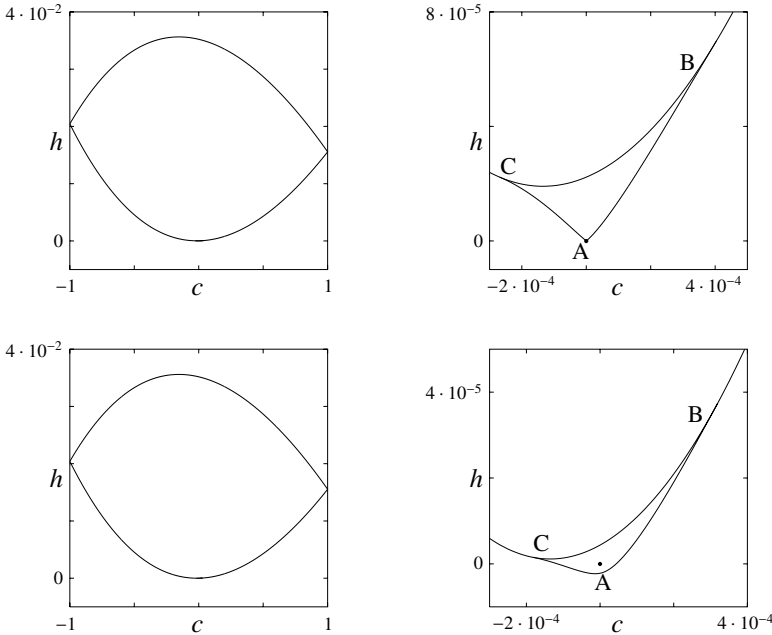
We show how the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation is related to qualitative features in the image of the energy-momentum map and specifically to monodromy. The energy-momentum map, is defined as

$$\mathcal{EM} : (\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2 : z \mapsto (\tilde{\mathcal{H}}(z), \tilde{\mathcal{H}}_1(z)) \quad (3.77)$$

We denote the values of  $\mathcal{EM}$  by  $(h, c)$ . Notice that we always subtract from  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  terms that depend only on  $n$  and  $c$ , so that the point  $(h, c) = (0, 0)$  always corresponds to  $p$  in  $V_{n,0}$  and  $p_{\pm}$  in  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$ .

#### Supercritical Bifurcation

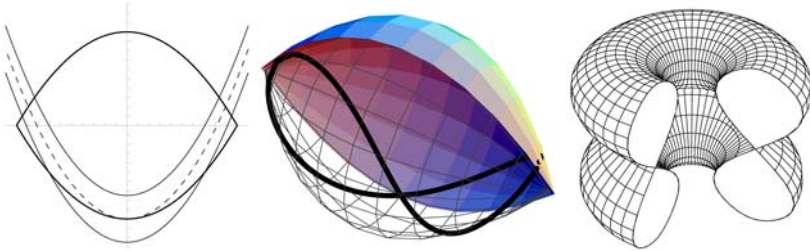
We show the critical values of  $\mathcal{EM}$  for  $a > a_1$  in fig. 3.5a and a blow up of a small region around the point  $(0, 0)$  in fig. 3.5b. The large structure in fig. 3.5a corresponds to the relative equilibria discussed in remark 3.5. This is also true in all the other cases.



**Fig. 3.5** Image of  $\mathcal{EM}$  for values of  $a$  near the supercritical bifurcation value  $a = a_1(0.1)$ . Top row:  $a = a_1 + 10^{-4}$ . Bottom row:  $a = a_1 - 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$ .

In fig. 3.5b we see that  $(0, 0)$  is connected to a family of critical values. These lift to relative equilibria in  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$ . Each point inside the small ‘triangular’ region, marked ABC, lifts to two disjoint  $\mathbf{T}^2$ . For this reason we consider that the region ABC consists of two leaves. A point  $(h, c)$  on one leaf lifts to a  $\mathbf{T}^2$  and the same point on the second leaf lifts to another  $\mathbf{T}^2$ . Notice that the fact that regular values of  $\mathcal{EM}$  near  $(0, 0)$  lift to two  $\mathbf{T}^2$  is a consequence of the discrete symmetries of the problem, and more specifically of the fact that the dynamics around  $p_+$  and  $p_-$  are the same.

Points inside the range of  $\mathcal{EM}$  and above the curve BC lift to one  $\mathbf{T}^2$ . Points on BC lift to two  $\mathbf{T}^2$  joined along a relative equilibrium (fig. 3.6c). In order to explain this, we represent qualitatively in fig. 3.6a some level curves of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{c=0}$ . The dashed level curve corresponds to the point on the curve BC with  $c = 0$ , but the situation is qualitatively the same for all points on BC. The dashed level curve intersects  $M_{n,0}$  along a curve which is a figure-8 (fig. 3.6): two topological circles joined at one point. This point is an unstable equilibrium of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{c=0}$ . It lifts to an unstable relative equilibrium in  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$ . The rest of the figure-8 lifts to the stable and unstable manifolds of this relative equilibrium (fig. 3.6c).



**Fig. 3.6** (a) Schematic representation of the projection to the plane  $(\pi_1, \pi_3)$  of intersections of level curves of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{c=0}$  with  $M_{n,0}$ . (b) The intersection of a level curve of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{c=0}$  with  $M_n$  lifts to (c) two glued tori.

We see that for  $a < a_1$  (fig. 3.5c,d)  $(0, 0)$  is detached from the family of critical values and is isolated. It lifts to two disjoint singly pinched 2-tori. Regular values of  $\mathcal{EM}$  inside the region ABC lift to two disjoint  $\mathbf{T}^2$ . In this case also, we consider that the region ABC consists of two leaves.

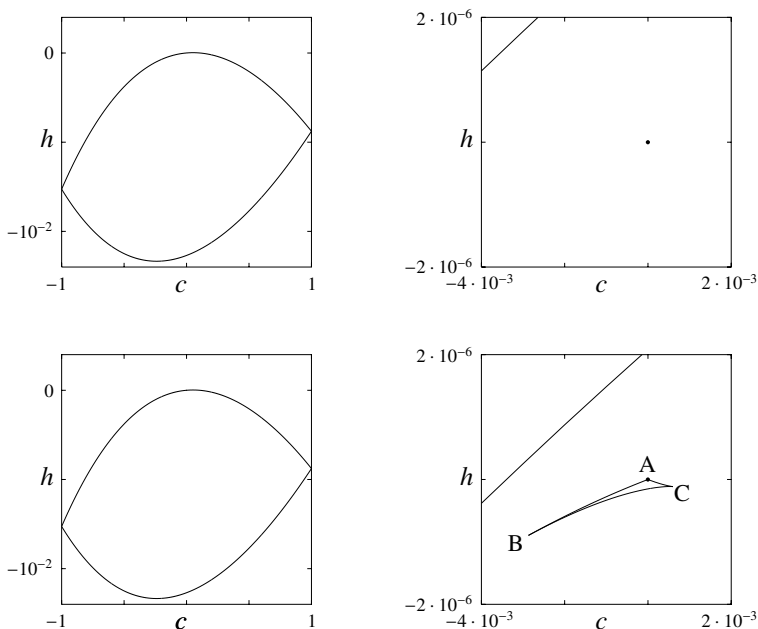
In order to compute monodromy we consider a path on one of the leaves around the representative of  $(0, 0)$  on the same leaf. Since the latter point lifts to *one* singly pinched torus the monodromy matrix is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Therefore as the system goes through a supercritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation it acquires monodromy, as described in [122].

An alternative way to understand this situation is to consider a closed path  $\Gamma$  inside ABC around the point  $(0, 0)$  without distinguishing between different leaves. The path lifts to *two* disjoint  $\mathbf{T}^2$  bundles over  $\Gamma$ . The mon-

odromy matrix for each bundle is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . By considering each leaf separately we essentially consider only one bundle at a time.

### Subcritical Bifurcation

The critical values of  $\mathcal{EM}$  for  $a > a_2$  are shown in fig. 3.7. The point  $(0, 0)$  is a critical value which lifts to a doubly pinched torus in  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$ . Points around  $(0, 0)$  are regular values of  $\mathcal{EM}$  which lift to a single  $\mathbf{T}^2$ . Therefore, the monodromy matrix for a path going around  $(0, 0)$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .



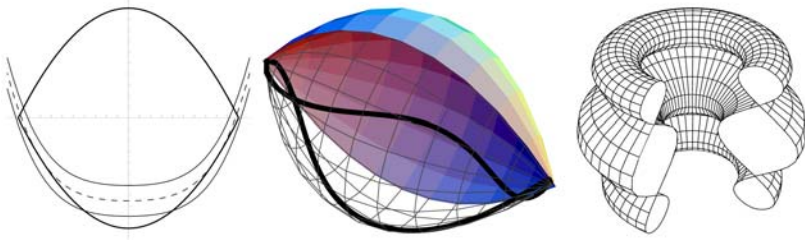
**Fig. 3.7** Image of  $\mathcal{EM}$  for values of  $a$  near the subcritical bifurcation value  $a = a_2(0.1)$ . Top row:  $a = a_2 + 10^{-6}$ . Bottom row:  $a = a_2 - 25 \cdot 10^{-6}$ .

When  $a$  becomes smaller than  $a_2$ , a small ‘triangle’ ABC of critical values is created (fig. 3.7d), with  $(0, 0)$  at the vertex A. Points on the curves AB and AC lift to elliptic relative equilibria. Points on the curve BC lift to three tori joined along two hyperbolic relative equilibria (fig. 3.8b).

In fig. 3.8a we show some level curves of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{c=0}$  and the reduced phase space  $M_{n,0}$ . The dashed curve is tangent to  $M_{n,0}$  at two points and corresponds to the point on the curve BC with  $c = 0$ . The two points of tangency are unstable equilibria on the reduced phase space and lift to unstable periodic orbits on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$ . The dashed level curve intersects  $M_{n,0}$  along a braid with two nodes.

The nodes are the unstable equilibria, while the rest of the braid represents their stable and unstable manifolds. The braid lifts to the two unstable relative equilibria together with its stable and unstable manifolds (fig. 3.8b).

Each regular point inside the region ABC lifts to *three* disjoint  $\mathbf{T}^2$ . This can be deduced from fig. 3.8a if we consider a level curve of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{c=0}$  slightly below the dashed level curve. We have not drawn such level curve for practical reasons but it is clear that such a curve will intersect  $M_{n,0}$  along three disjoint circles, which lift to three disjoint  $\mathbf{T}^2$ . Two of these circles are near the singular points while the third lies between them. Therefore the region ABC is composed of three leaves. The first ‘big’ leaf extends beyond the region ABC and covers the whole image of  $\mathcal{EM}$ . The other two leaves are restricted in the region ABC. The three leaves join along the curve BC where the three tori join.



**Fig. 3.8** (a) Schematic representation of the intersections of the level curves of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{c=0}$  with  $M_{n,c}$ . (b) The intersection of the dashed level curve of  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{c=0}$  with  $M_{n,0}$  lifts to (c) three glued tori joined along two relative equilibria.

We consider monodromy along a path on the ‘big’ leaf that goes around BC. The two leaves are deformations of the isolated critical value that exists for  $a > a_2$ . For this reason, the monodromy matrix remains the same as for  $a > a_2$  i.e.  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . This type of monodromy in which we consider a path around a curve along which two or more different leaves join is called *non-local* monodromy (see also chapter 4).

*Remark 3.13.* Let us consider for a moment what would happen if we had not considered the separation into leaves. Consider first a simple closed path  $\Gamma$  of regular values of  $\mathcal{EM}$  that goes around the region ABC.  $\Gamma$  lifts to a  $\mathbf{T}^2$  bundle, which has monodromy matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Consider now another path  $\Gamma'$  that goes around BC but enters and then exits the region ABC crossing AB and AC. Let  $\gamma$  denote the part of  $\Gamma$  inside the region ABC. Then  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(\Gamma')$  consists of a  $\mathbf{T}^2$  bundle over  $\Gamma'$  (which is homotopic to  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(\Gamma) \rightarrow \Gamma$ ) and two disjoint  $\mathbf{S}^3$ . The 3-spheres are obtained from  $\gamma$ .

We see that the subcritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation is related to monodromy both before and after the bifurcation. Before the bifurcation i.e. when the equilibria  $p_{\pm}$  are EE ( $a < a_2$ ) each one of them is attached to a

family of relative equilibria. In this case we have non-local monodromy. After the bifurcation, the equilibria  $p_{\pm}$  become complex hyperbolic and the family of relative equilibria disappears. In this case we have standard monodromy.

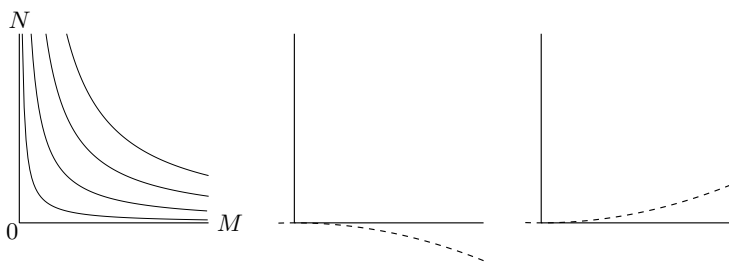
### 3.6 Description of the Hamiltonian Hopf Bifurcation on the Fully Reduced Space

In §3.7 we proved the existence of Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcations working with  $\mathcal{H}$  (3.27) on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$ . In this section we discuss the appearance of these bifurcations on the fully reduced spaces introduced in §3.3.

A geometric criterion for the existence of Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcations and the determination of their type is given in [65–67]. This criterion is based on the behavior of the level sets of the energy with respect to the fully reduced phase space. In order to apply this criterion, the reduced phase space must have a conical singularity that lifts to the equilibrium that undergoes the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation. Moreover, the stratification of the orbit space by reduced phase spaces must be locally equivalent to the standard case. If these are true then we can deduce the type of Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation by considering how the energy level curve that passes through the singular point bends with respect to the cone. We begin by reviewing the standard case.

#### 3.6.1 The Standard Situation

Consider a two degree of freedom Hamiltonian  $H$  which is invariant with respect to the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action generated by  $S = q_1 p_2 - q_2 p_1$  and for which the point  $(q, p) = 0$  is an equilibrium. By lemma 3.9  $H$  can be expressed in terms of the invariant polynomials  $M$ ,  $N$ ,  $S$  and  $T$ , which satisfy  $S^2 + T^2 = 4MN$  and  $M \geq 0$ ,  $N \geq 0$ .



**Fig. 3.9** (a) The fibration of the orbit space near the conical singularity for the standard case. (b) The level curves of the Hamiltonian at the supercritical case bend outwards. (c) In the subcritical case they bend inwards.

$M$ ,  $N$ ,  $T$  span a Lie algebra isomorphic to  $\mathfrak{sl}(2, \mathbf{R})$  with Casimir  $4MN - T^2$ . The reduced phase space  $P_s = S^{-1}(s)/\mathbf{S}^1 \subset \mathbf{R}^3$  is the semialgebraic variety



defined by  $s^2 + T^2 = 4MN$ ,  $M \geq 0$ ,  $N \geq 0$ . For  $s \neq 0$ ,  $P_s$  is a hyperboloid.  $P_0$  is a cone with vertex at  $(M, N, T) = (0, 0, 0)$  (see fig. 3.9a where we show intersections of  $P_s$  with the plane  $\{T = 0\}$  for different  $s$ ). The vertex of the cone lifts to  $(q, p) = 0$ .

We denote by  $\hat{H}_s$  the reduced Hamiltonian on  $P_s$ . According to [67] the universal unfolding of  $\hat{H}_s$  is

$$\hat{H}_s = N + \nu M + \alpha M^2 \quad (3.78)$$

where  $\nu = 0$  at the bifurcation and the sign of  $\alpha$  determines the type of the bifurcation. Specifically, if  $\alpha > 0$  we have a supercritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation, while for  $\alpha < 0$  we have a subcritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation.

The equilibria of  $\hat{H}_s$  are the points of tangency between the level curves of  $\hat{H}_s$  and the reduced phase space  $P_s$ . Since  $\hat{H}_s$  does not depend on  $T$  these points lie on the plane  $\{T = 0\}$ . Therefore when looking for equilibria of  $\hat{H}_s$  we can restrict our attention to  $P_s^0 = P_s \cap \{T = 0\}$ .

Note that  $\hat{H}_{s=0}^{-1}(0)$  is the level curve of  $\hat{H}_{s=0}$  that passes through the vertex of  $P_0^0$ . Exactly at the bifurcation, i.e. when  $\nu = 0$ , it is given by  $N = -\alpha M^2$ . Therefore, the sign of  $\alpha$  determines how  $\hat{H}_{s=0}^{-1}(0)$  is bent with respect to  $P_0^0$ . If  $\alpha > 0$ , then  $\hat{H}_{s=0}^{-1}(0)$  stays outside  $P_0^0$  (fig. 3.9b), while when  $\alpha < 0$  it goes inside (fig. 3.9c). Notice that these correspond to the supercritical and the subcritical case respectively. The case  $\alpha = 0$  is degenerate since in that case  $H^{-1}(0)$  stays on the boundary of  $P_0^0$  and any arbitrarily small change of  $\alpha$  can move us either to the subcritical or the supercritical case.

### 3.6.2 The Hydrogen Atom in Crossed Fields

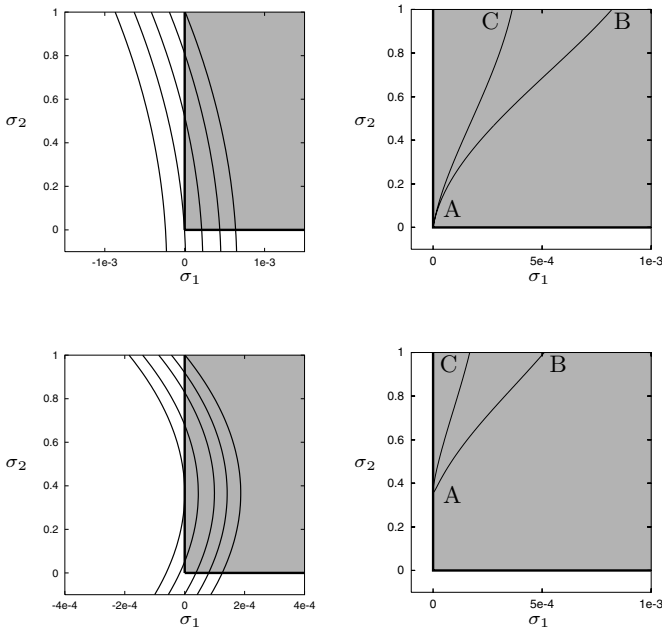
Recall from §3.3 that in the fully reduced phase space  $V_{n,0}$ , the point  $p$  with coordinates  $(w, \pi_2) = (0, 0)$  corresponds to the points  $p_{\pm}$  on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$  undergoing Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcations.  $V_{n,0}$  has a conical singularity at  $p$ . The orbit space near  $p$  is stratified in exactly the same way as in the standard situation, as a comparison between figs. 3.2b and 3.9a immediately shows. Therefore we can apply the geometric criterion of [66] in our case.

Recall that in the supercritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation a family of periodic orbits (which in our case are relative equilibria) detaches from an equilibrium as the latter loses stability, while in the subcritical case a family of periodic orbits disappears. Recall, also that relative equilibria of  $\mathcal{H}$  on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$  correspond to equilibria of  $\mathcal{F}_c$  on  $V_{n,c}$ , while the equilibria  $p_{\pm}$  on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$  that go through the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcations correspond to the vertex  $p$  of  $V_{n,0}$ . Therefore, we conclude that in the orbit space  $V_n = \cup_c V_{n,c}$  the supercritical bifurcation appears as the detachment from  $p$  of a family of equilibria, while the subcritical bifurcation appears as the disappearance of a family of relative equilibria that shrinks into  $p$ .

In this section we do not provide proofs since our purpose here is mainly to illustrate the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation on the reduced space, and not to prove again that the bifurcation is actually taking place. In the following computations we fix  $n = 1$ ,  $\epsilon = 1/10$ . For these values of  $n$ ,  $\epsilon$  the system goes through the supercritical bifurcation at  $a_1 = a_1(0.1) \simeq 0.841102$  and the subcritical bifurcation at  $a_2 = a_2(0.1) \simeq 0.4744664$ .

### Supercritical Bifurcation

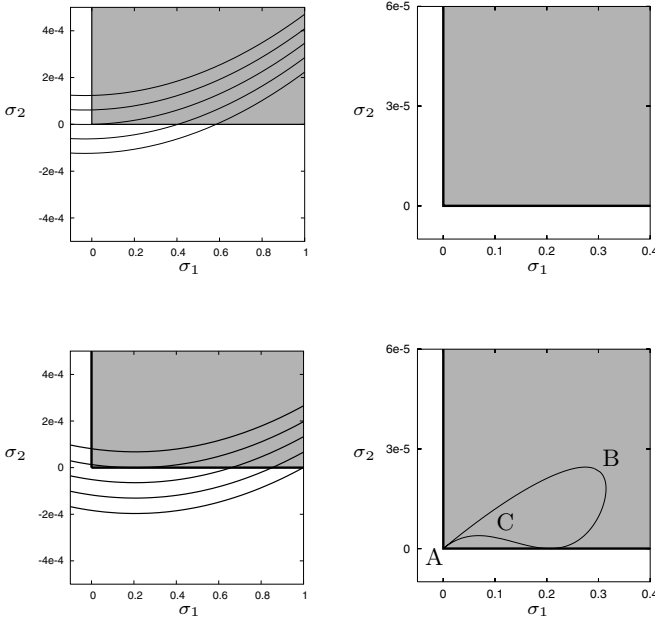
When  $a$  passes through  $a_1$  we have a supercritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation that is depicted in figs. 3.10a-d. In order to show better the family of equilibria we have used coordinates  $\sigma_1 = (w - \pi_2)/2$  and  $\sigma_2 = (w + \pi_2)/2$ . In figs. 3.10a,c we show  $V_{n,0}^0$  and the level curves of  $\mathcal{F}_{c=0}$  (3.37). It is clear that the latter ‘bend outwards’ and according to the geometric criterion this corresponds to a supercritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation, in accordance with theorem 3.7.



**Fig. 3.10** Supercritical bifurcation. Top row:  $a = a_1 + 10^{-4}$ . Bottom row:  $a = a_1 - 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$ . (a,c) Level curves of  $\mathcal{F}_{c=0}$ . (b,d) Family of equilibria of  $\mathcal{F}_c$ . In these figs. the coordinates are  $\sigma_1 = (w - \pi_2)/2$  and  $\sigma_2 = (w + \pi_2)/2$ . The vertical axis  $\sigma_1 = 0$  corresponds to the line  $w = \pi_2$  of  $V_{n,0}^*$ . The horizontal axis  $w = -\pi_2$  corresponds to the line  $w = -\pi_2$  of  $V_{n,c}^*$ .

We now check into more detail what happens as the system goes through the bifurcation. For  $a > a_1$  the points  $p_{\pm}$  are elliptic-elliptic. In this case on the orbit space  $V_n$  a family of equilibria parameterized by  $c$  emanates from  $p$ . These equilibria are shown in fig. 3.10b. Each point on this curve corresponds to an equilibrium on a different fully reduced space  $V_{n,c}$ . The branch AB corresponds to  $c > 0$  while the branch AC corresponds to  $c < 0$ . The two branches do not coincide, even though  $V_{n,c}^0$  and  $V_{n,-c}^0$  are identical, because  $\mathcal{F}_c \neq \mathcal{F}_{-c}$ .

For  $a < a_1$  the points  $p_{\pm}$  on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$  become complex hyperbolic. The family of equilibria on  $V_n$  detaches from  $p$  and moves away. The situation is depicted in fig. 3.10d where again the two branches AB and AC correspond to different signs of  $c$ .



**Fig. 3.11** Subcritical bifurcation. Top row:  $a = a_2 + 10^{-6}$ . Bottom row:  $a = a_2 - 25 \cdot 10^{-6}$ . (a,c) Level curves of  $\mathcal{F}_{c=0}$ . (b,d) Family of equilibria of  $\mathcal{F}_c$ . The family of equilibria does not exist in (b) for  $a = a_2 + 10^{-6}$ .

### Subcritical Bifurcation

In the case of the subcritical bifurcation the level set  $\mathcal{F}_{c=0}^{-1}(0)$  becomes tangent to the line  $w = -\pi_2$ . In figs. 3.11a,c we show the level curves of the

Hamiltonian which ‘bend inwards’. According to the geometric criterion this corresponds to a subcritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation, in accordance to theorem 3.7.

We now check into more detail what happens as we cross the value  $a = a_2$  going from smaller to larger values of  $a$ . For  $a < a_2$ , a family of equilibria is attached to  $p$  (fig. 3.11d). This family corresponds to a family of relative equilibria on  $\mathbf{S}^2 \times \mathbf{S}^2$ . The points ABC in fig. 3.11d correspond to the points ABC in fig. 3.7d. Notice that the segments AB, AC in fig. 3.11d correspond to elliptic equilibria, while the segment BC corresponds to hyperbolic equilibria, whose stable and unstable manifolds form the glued tori of fig. 3.8b. As  $a$  approaches  $a_2$  from below the family of equilibria shrinks toward  $p$ . Exactly at  $a = a_2$  the family disappears and does not exist for  $a \leq a_2$ .

### 3.6.3 Degeneracy

We close this chapter with an explanation of why we had to compute the first normal form  $\tilde{H}$  (3.8) to order 10 in  $(q, p)$ .

The discrete  $\mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$  symmetry (see §3.3) imposes certain restrictions on the types of terms that can appear in the fully reduced Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{F}_c$  (3.37). The allowed terms appear in table 3.4, where  $\mathcal{F}_{c,j}$  is the part of  $\mathcal{F}_c$  that comes from  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_j$ , i.e. from the part of  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}$  of degree  $j$ .

**Table 3.4** Terms compatible with the  $\mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$  symmetry.

Part of $\mathcal{F}_c$ Allowed terms	
$\mathcal{F}_{c,1}$	$c$
$\mathcal{F}_{c,2}$	$w, \pi_2, c^2, n^2$
$\mathcal{F}_{c,3}$	$wc, \pi_2 c, c^3, n^2 c$
$\mathcal{F}_{c,4}$	$w\pi_2, \pi_2^2, \pi_2 c^2, \pi_2 n^2, w^2, wc^2, wn^2, c^4, n^2 c^2, n^4$

Therefore if we consider  $\mathcal{F}_c$  only up to  $\mathcal{F}_{c,3}$  its level curves will appear in the plane  $(w, \pi_2)$  as straight lines. These lines change slope and for some values of the parameter  $a$  they coincide either with the line  $w = \pi_2$  or with the line  $w = -\pi_2$ . Thus we have a degenerate situation, since an arbitrarily small change of the Hamiltonian can change the shape of the level curves to either the ‘outwards’ or ‘inwards’ cases. In order to resolve this degeneracy  $\mathcal{F}_c$  must contain terms quadratic in  $(w, \pi_2)$ .

The first term of  $\mathcal{F}_c$  that contains quadratic terms is  $\mathcal{F}_{c,4}$ . Tracing this back to the first normal form we find that it corresponds to terms of degree 10 in  $(q, p)$ .

# Quadratic Spherical Pendula

## 4.1 Generalities

We describe and analyze the family of quadratic spherical pendula. Our approach in this chapter is heavily influenced by the study of the spherical pendulum in [29].

### 4.1.1 Constrained Equations of Motion

We consider the motion of a particle on the surface of a sphere of unit radius

$$\mathbf{S}^2 = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^3 : x^2 = 1\}$$

The sphere is placed in a force field determined by the potential function  $V(x)$ . The archetypical problem of this kind is the spherical pendulum for which  $V(x) = x_3$ . The phase space of the system with potential  $V(x)$  is the tangent bundle of the sphere defined as

$$T\mathbf{S}^2 = \{(x, y) \in T\mathbf{R}^3 : x^2 - 1 = 0 \text{ and } xy = 0\} \quad (4.1)$$

The unconstrained Hamiltonian system  $(H, T\mathbf{R}^3, \omega)$  where  $\omega = \sum_i dx_i \wedge dy_i$  and

$$H(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}(y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2) + V(x) \quad (4.2)$$

describes a particle that moves in  $\mathbf{R}^3$  under the influence of the potential  $V(x)$ .

We need to take into account the constraint of the system and compute the vector field of  $H|_{T\mathbf{S}^2}$  with respect to the symplectic form  $\omega|_{T\mathbf{S}^2}$ .

*Remark 4.1.* Usually (see for example [58]) such problems are studied introducing spherical coordinates  $(\theta, \phi)$  and expressing the Hamiltonian in terms of  $(\theta, \phi)$  and their conjugate momenta  $(p_\theta, p_\phi)$ . The problem with spherical coordinates is that they are singular at the ‘north’ and ‘south’ poles of the sphere. Therefore, they are not the best choice for studying trajectories that pass through these points and for making a global study of the system.

We can proceed in two ways. Although the content of both approaches is essentially the same, they give emphasis on the computation of different quantities. Therefore, each one is suitable in different circumstances. The first approach, is to define a modified Hamiltonian  $H^*$  such that  $X_{H^*}|T\mathbf{S}^2 = X_H|T\mathbf{S}^2$ . Check [29] for details. The second approach, which is the one that we use here, is to define the Dirac-Poisson bracket  $\{, \}^*$  on  $T\mathbf{R}^3$  such that the vector field  $X_H^*|T\mathbf{S}^2$  of  $H$  with respect to the Dirac-Poisson bracket is equal to  $X_H|T\mathbf{S}^2$  [12, 29]. These two approaches are related since

$$\{F, G\}^*|T\mathbf{S}^2 = \{F^*, G^*\}|T\mathbf{S}^2$$

We proceed using the second approach, which has the obvious advantage that we compute once and for all the modified Dirac-Poisson structure  $\{, \}^*$ . Another advantage that will become apparent later, is that based on the Dirac-Poisson structure we will be able to define the appropriate Poisson structure on local charts that we introduce on  $T\mathbf{S}^2$  in order to study local features of the equilibria of the system.

**Lemma 4.2.** *The Dirac-Poisson structure  $\{, \}^*|T\mathbf{S}^2$  is*

	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$
$x_1$	0	0	0	$1 - x_1^2$	$-x_1x_2$	$-x_1x_3$
$x_2$		0	0	$-x_2x_1$	$1 - x_2^2$	$-x_2x_3$
$x_3$			0	$-x_3x_1$	$-x_3x_2$	$1 - x_3^2$
$y_1$				0	$x_2y_1 - x_1y_2$	$x_3y_1 - x_1y_3$
$y_2$					0	$x_3y_2 - x_2y_3$
$y_3$						0

with Casimirs  $c_1(x, y) = x^2 - 1$  and  $c_2(x, y) = xy$ .

**Proof.** In order to write the equations of motion for the constrained system we use the modified Dirac brackets. The phase space  $T\mathbf{S}^2$  is given as a subset of  $T\mathbf{R}^3$  by the constraints

$$c_1(x, y) = x^2 - 1 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad c_2(x, y) = xy = 0 \quad (4.3)$$

The Dirac-Poisson brackets are given by the relation

$$\{F, G\}^* = \{F, G\} + \sum_{i,j} C_{ij} \{F, c_i\} \{G, c_j\} \quad (4.4)$$

where  $C_{ij}$  are the elements of the inverse of the matrix with elements  $\{c_i, c_j\}$ . In our case

$$C = \frac{1}{2x^2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.5)$$

The result follows from a simple computation.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.3.** *The constrained equations on  $TS^2$  are given by*

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= -\nabla V(x) - x(y^2 - x\nabla V(x))\end{aligned}\tag{4.6}$$

**Proof.** Compute the equations of motion for the Hamiltonian function (4.2) with respect to the Dirac-Poisson bracket and then restrict the resulting vector field to  $TS^2$ .  $\square$

*Remark 4.4.* In Newtonian mechanics, equations (4.6) can be obtained as follows.  $F = -\nabla V(x)$  is the force exerted to the particle by the field, and  $N = -xy^2 - x(xF)$  is the reaction force exerted by the surface of the sphere that compensates the normal component  $F_n = x(xF)$  of  $F$  and gives the centripetal force  $-xy^2$ .

We restrict our attention to the class of axially symmetric potentials i.e. potentials that depend only on  $x_3$ . Such potentials are invariant with respect to rotations

$$R(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & -\sin t & 0 \\ \sin t & \cos t & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

about the  $x_3$  axis. The cotangent lift of  $R(t)$  gives an  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action on  $TS^2$

$$\Phi : \mathbf{S}^1 \times TS^2 \rightarrow TS^2 : (t, (q, p)) \mapsto (R(t)q, R(t)p)\tag{4.7}$$

The Hamiltonian and the Dirac-Poisson structure are invariant under  $\Phi$  and the corresponding vector field is equivariant. The generator of  $\Phi$  is

$$J(x, y) = x_1y_2 - x_2y_1\tag{4.8}$$

i.e. the component of the angular momentum along the  $x_3$  axis. We can check that

$$\{J, H\}^*|TS^2 = 0$$

that is,  $J$  is an integral of motion. As a result we have

**Lemma 4.5.** *The Hamiltonian systems that describe particles constrained to move on the surface of a sphere under the influence of an axisymmetric potential are Liouville integrable.*

The energy-momentum map is defined as

$$\mathcal{EM} : TS^2 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2 : \mathcal{EM}(z) = (H(z), J(z))\tag{4.9}$$

### 4.1.2 Reduction of the Axial Symmetry

$\Phi$  (4.7) is not free; it leaves fixed the points  $(0, 0, \pm 1, 0, 0, 0)$  on  $TS^2$ . Therefore we need to do *singular reduction* [29].

**Lemma 4.6.** *The algebra  $\mathbf{R}[x, y]^\Phi$  of  $\Phi$  invariant polynomials in  $(x, y)$  is generated by*

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_1 &= x_3 & \sigma_2 &= y_3 & \sigma_3 &= y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2 \\ \sigma_4 &= x_1 y_1 + x_2 y_2 & \sigma_5 &= x_1^2 + x_2^2 & \sigma_6 &= x_1 y_2 - x_2 y_1 \end{aligned} \quad (4.10a)$$

subject to the relations

$$\sigma_4^2 + \sigma_6^2 = \sigma_5(\sigma_3 - \sigma_2^2) \quad \sigma_3 - \sigma_2^2 \geq 0 \quad \sigma_5 \geq 0 \quad (4.10b)$$

**Proof.** See [29]. □

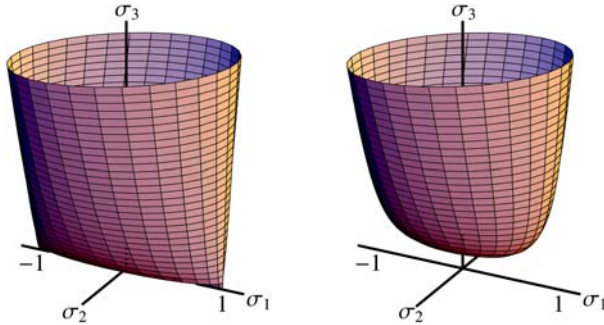
Restriction from  $TR^3$  to  $TS^2$  imposes the extra relations

$$\sigma_5 + \sigma_1^2 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_4 + \sigma_1 \sigma_2 = 0 \quad (4.11)$$

We rewrite the relations (4.10b) by eliminating  $\sigma_4$  and  $\sigma_5$ , using (4.11), and setting  $\sigma_6 = j$ . We find

$$\Psi = \sigma_3(1 - \sigma_1^2) - \sigma_2^2 - j^2 = 0, \quad \sigma_1^2 \leq 1, \quad \sigma_3 - \sigma_2^2 \geq 0 \quad (4.12)$$

The reduced phase space  $M_j = J^{-1}(j)/\mathbf{S}^1$  is the semialgebraic variety defined by (4.12). For  $j = 0$  the reduced phase space  $M_0$  (fig. 4.1a) has two singular points at  $p_\pm = (\pm 1, 0, 0)$ . These correspond to the points  $P_\pm = (0, 0, \pm 1; 0, 0, 0)$  on  $TS^2$ . For  $j \neq 0$ ,  $M_j$  is diffeomorphic to  $\mathbf{R}^2$  (fig. 4.1b).



**Fig. 4.1** (a) Singular reduced phase space  $M_0$ , it is called the *canoe*. (b) Regular reduced phase space  $M_j$  for  $j \neq 0$ .



**Lemma 4.7.** *The Poisson structure of the polynomial algebra generated by  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$  is*

$$\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2\} = 1 - \sigma_1^2 \quad \{\sigma_2, \sigma_3\} = -2\sigma_1\sigma_3 \quad \{\sigma_3, \sigma_1\} = -2\sigma_2 \quad (4.13)$$

*Notice that  $\Psi$  is a Casimir of this algebra.*

**Proof.** Compute the Poisson brackets  $\{\sigma_i, \sigma_j\}$  using the Dirac-Poisson structure of lemma 4.2.  $\square$

The dynamics of the reduced system is described by the *reduced* Hamiltonian

$$H_j = \frac{1}{2}\sigma_3 + V(\sigma_1) \quad (4.14)$$

The reduced equations of motion on  $M_j$  are

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\sigma}_1 &= \{\sigma_1, H_j\} = \sigma_2 \\ \dot{\sigma}_2 &= \{\sigma_2, H_j\} = -\sigma_1\sigma_3 - (1 - \sigma_1^2)V'(\sigma_1) \\ \dot{\sigma}_3 &= \{\sigma_3, H_j\} = -2\sigma_2V'(\sigma_1) \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, notice that an orbit of  $H_j$  with energy  $h$  and momentum  $j$  lies on a connected component of the set  $\gamma_{h,j}$  defined by the intersection of the level set  $\{H_j = h\}$  with the reduced phase space  $M_j$ . Note that if a connected component of  $\gamma_{h,j}$  is singular then it might not be a single orbit.

## 4.2 Classification of Quadratic Spherical Pendula

We restrict our attention to axisymmetric *quadratic* potentials of the form

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2}bx_3^2 + cx_3 + d \quad (4.15)$$

We classify these systems in terms of the qualitative features of their bifurcation diagrams i.e. the set of critical values of the energy-momentum map  $\mathcal{EM}$ . This classification is summarized in fig. 4.2 (page 94).

### 4.2.1 Critical Values of the Energy-Momentum Map

In this section we study the critical values of the energy-momentum map of the family of Hamiltonians (4.2) with potential (4.15). Our main result is a complete description of the set of critical values of  $\mathcal{EM}$  for all values of  $b, c$  and  $d$ . We prove first

**Lemma 4.8.** *For fixed values of the parameters  $b, c, d$  the set of critical values of  $\mathcal{EM}$  is the set  $\Delta_{b,c,d}$  of values  $(h, j)$  for which the polynomial*

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{h,j}^{(b,c,d)}(\sigma_1) &= 2(h - V(\sigma_1))(1 - \sigma_1^2) - j^2 \\
&= b\sigma_1^4 + 2c\sigma_1^3 - (b + 2(h - d))\sigma_1^2 - 2c\sigma_1 + (2(h - d) - j^2) \quad (4.16)
\end{aligned}$$

has a double root in  $[-1, 1]$ . We call  $\Delta_{b,c,d}$  the discriminant locus of the polynomial  $P_{h,j}^{(b,c,d)}$ .

We usually suppress  $h, j$  and/or  $b, c, d$  from  $P_{h,j}^{(b,c,d)}$ .

*Remark 4.9.* Critical values  $(h, j)$  of  $\mathcal{EM}$  correspond to pairs  $(h, j)$  for which the level curve  $H_j = h$  is tangent to the reduced phase space  $M_j$  or it goes through one or both of the singular points  $p_{\pm}$  on  $M_0$ . Since,  $H_j$  does not depend on  $\sigma_2$ , the points where the level curve  $\{H_j = h\}$  can be tangent to  $M_j$  can only be on the plane  $\{\sigma_2 = 0\}$ . Therefore, we look for such points on the curve  $M_j^0 = M_j \cap \{\sigma_2 = 0\}$ .

**Proof of lemma 4.8.** Consider first the case  $j \neq 0$ . The level curve  $\{H_j = h\}$  is the graph of the function  $\ell_h(\sigma_1) = 2(h - V(\sigma_1))$  while  $M_j^0$  is the graph of the function  $m_j(\sigma_1) = \frac{j^2}{1 - \sigma_1^2}$ . The two curves are tangent when the function  $f_{h,j}(\sigma_1) = \ell_h(\sigma_1) - m_j(\sigma_1)$  has a double root i.e. when for some  $\sigma_1 = z$  we have  $f_{h,j}(z) = f'_{h,j}(z) = 0$ . Notice that  $P_{h,j}(\sigma_1) = (1 - \sigma_1^2)f_{h,j}(\sigma_1)$ . It is easy to show that for  $j \neq 0$  the functions  $f_{h,j}$  and  $P_{h,j}$  have the same double roots. The argument is based on the fact that for  $j \neq 0$ ,  $\sigma_1$  can not be  $\pm 1$ .

Consider now the case  $j = 0$  and notice that  $P_{h,0}(\sigma_1) = (1 - \sigma_1^2)\ell_h(\sigma_1)$ . We need to prove that the curve  $\ell_h(\sigma_1)$  becomes tangent to the line segment  $\sigma_3 = 0$ ,  $|\sigma_1| \leq 1$  or passes through the points  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_3) = (\pm 1, 0)$  if and only if  $P_{h,0}(\sigma_1)$  has a double root in  $[-1, 1]$ . The ‘only if’ part is trivial. The ‘if’ is slightly more involved. Let  $z \in [-1, 1]$  be a double root of  $P_{h,0}$ , i.e.  $P_{h,0}(z) = P'_{h,0}(z) = 0$ . These two equations become

$$\begin{aligned}
(1 - z^2)\ell_h(z) &= 0 \\
(1 - z^2)\ell'_h(z) - 2z\ell_h(z) &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

We obtain the solutions (a)  $z = 1$ ,  $\ell_h(1) = 0$  (b)  $z = -1$ ,  $\ell_h(-1) = 0$  and (c)  $\ell_h(z) = \ell'_h(z) = 0$ . This proves the lemma.  $\square$

**Lemma 4.10.** *The polynomials  $P_{h,j}^{(b,c,d)}$  and  $P_{h,j}^{(b,-c,d)}$  have the same discriminant loci.*

**Proof.** If  $z$  is a double zero of  $P_{h,j}^{(b,c,d)}$  it is easy to see that  $-z$  is a double zero of  $P_{h,j}^{(b,-c,d)}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.11.** *When  $c > 0$ ,  $\Delta$  is parameterized by*

$$2(h - d) = 2bs^2 + 3cs - cs^{-1} - b \quad (4.17a)$$

$$j^2 = -s^{-1}(bs + c)(1 - s^2)^2 \quad (4.17b)$$

where

Case O.  $s \in [-1, 0) \cup \{1\}$  when  $0 < |b| \leq c$ .

Case I.  $s \in [-1, 0) \cup [-\frac{c}{b}, 1]$  when  $0 < c < -b$ .

Case II.  $s \in \{-1\} \cup [-\frac{c}{b}, 0) \cup \{1\}$  when  $0 < c < b$ .

When  $c = 0$ ,  $\Delta$  is the union of the curve

$$2(h - d) = j^2 \quad (4.18)$$

and the point  $(h, j) = (b/2, 0)$  when  $b > 0$ , or the curve  $2(h - d) = -|b| \pm 2\sqrt{|b|}j$  with  $|j| \leq -b$  and  $2(h - d) \geq b$  when  $b < 0$ .

**Proof.** We begin with the case  $b \neq 0$ . If  $P(z)$  has a double root in  $[-1, 1]$  it can be factored as

$$P(z) = b(z - s)^2(z^2 - 2uz + v) \quad (4.19)$$

with  $s \in [-1, 1]$ . Collecting powers of  $z$  and equating coefficients in the two expressions we find

$$2(h - d) - j^2 - bs^2v = 0 \quad (4.20a)$$

$$2(h - d) + bs^2 + 4bsu + bv + b = 0 \quad (4.20b)$$

$$s(su + v) = c/b \quad (4.20c)$$

$$s + u = -c/b \quad (4.20d)$$

When  $c \neq 0$ , equation (4.20c) gives that  $s \neq 0$ . The solution of the system of equations (4.20) becomes

$$2(h - d) = 2bs^2 + 3cs - cs^{-1} - b \quad (4.21a)$$

$$j^2 = -s^{-1}(bs + c)(1 - s^2)^2 \quad (4.21b)$$

Notice that the right hand side of equation (4.21b) must be non-negative. This gives a permissible region for  $s$  for which we already have that it belongs in  $[-1, 1] \setminus \{0\}$ . A small amount of algebra gives the three cases O, I and II of the lemma.

We deal now with the case  $c = 0$ . In this case the equations (4.20) become

$$2(h - d) - j^2 - bs^2v = 0 \quad (4.22a)$$

$$2(h - d) + bs^2 + 4bsu + bv + b = 0 \quad (4.22b)$$

$$s(su + v) = 0 \quad (4.22c)$$

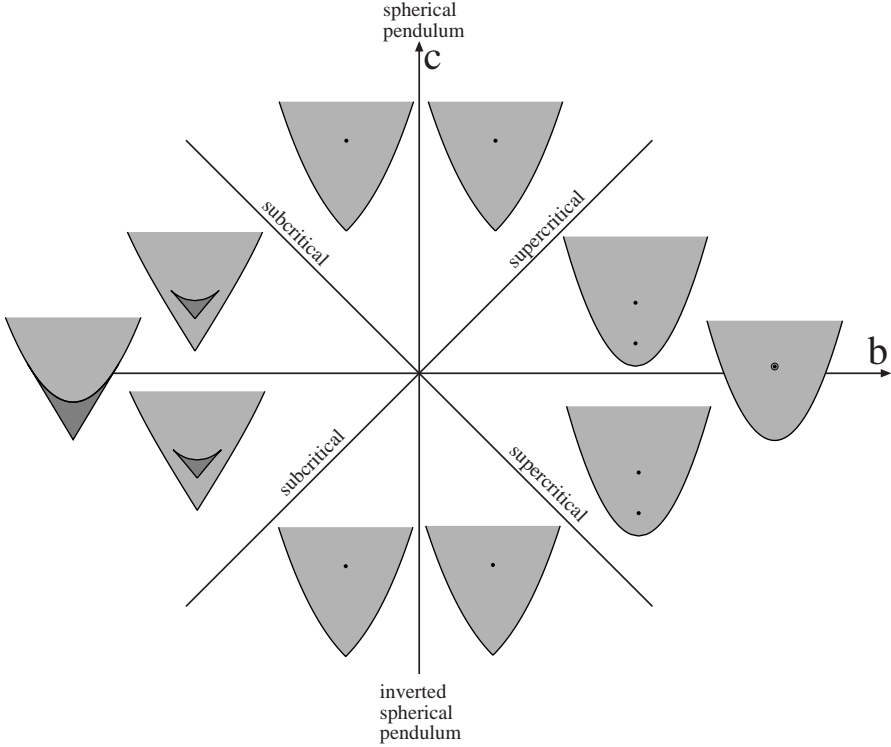
$$s + u = 0 \quad (4.22d)$$

Equation (4.22d) gives  $u = -s$ , and substituting into (4.22c) we get  $s = 0$  or  $v = s^2$ . If  $s = 0$  we get  $2(h - d) = j^2$ . If  $v = s^2$  we get at the end  $j^2 = -b(1 - s^2)^2$ . If  $b > 0$  then  $s = \pm 1$ , and this gives  $j = 0$  and  $2(h - d) = b$ . On the other hand if  $b < 0$ ,  $s$  can take any value in  $[-1, 1]$ . In that case  $2(h - d) = -|b| \pm 2\sqrt{|b|}j$  with  $|j| \leq -b$ .

We did not deal with the case  $b = 0$ . In this case our system is equivalent to the spherical pendulum which has been studied in [29]. It is easy following the proof of the case  $b \neq 0$ ,  $c \neq 0$  to prove that this case is characterized by the same equations (4.21) with  $b = 0$ .

□

The cases O, I and II of lemma 4.11 correspond to the types O, I and II introduced in §1.3.2 (page 25). The form of the loci of critical values of  $\mathcal{EM}$  are shown in fig. 4.2.



**Fig. 4.2** Global diagram of the image of  $\mathcal{EM}$  for the family of quadratic potentials. We show the image of  $\mathcal{EM}$  for representative values of the parameters  $b$  and  $c$ . For each image the vertical axis represents the energy and the horizontal axis represents the momentum.

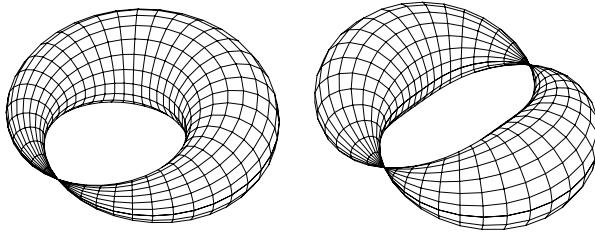
#### 4.2.2 Reconstruction

Recall that the orbit of energy  $h$  and momentum  $j$  of the vector field of  $H_j$  on the reduced phase space  $M_j$  is geometrically the intersection  $\gamma_{h,j}$  of the level

curve  $\{H_j = h\}$  with the space  $M_j$ . All the points of  $M_j$  lift to an  $\mathbf{S}^1$  orbit in the original phase space  $T\mathbf{S}^2$  under the inverse of the reduction map  $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3)$ . The only exceptions are the singular points  $(\pm 1, 0, 0)$  of  $M_0$  which lift to the respective point in  $T\mathbf{S}^2$  with coordinates  $(x, y) = (0, 0, \pm 1; 0, 0, 0)$ . Using these facts we can deduce the type of  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j)$  for all  $(h, j)$  in the image of the  $\mathcal{EM}$  map. The following result is from [29].

**Lemma 4.12.** *If  $\gamma_{h,j}$  is diffeomorphic to a circle, it lifts to a  $\mathbf{T}^2$ . If it consists of a single non singular point it lifts to a topological  $\mathbf{S}^1$ . If it consists of a single singular point then it lifts to a single point in  $T\mathbf{S}^2$ . Finally, if  $\gamma_{h,j=0}$  is a topological circle that contains one or both of the singular points, then it lifts to a singly or doubly pinched torus respectively (figure 4.3).*

Notice that lemma 4.12 does not cover all the possible cases.



**Fig. 4.3** Representations of a single and a double pinched torus in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ .

Having the preceding lemma in hand we discuss each qualitative type individually. Notice that the level curve  $H_j = h$  is the set of points that satisfy the equation

$$H_j = \frac{1}{2}\sigma_3 + \frac{1}{2}b\sigma_1^2 + c\sigma_1 + d = h \quad (4.23)$$

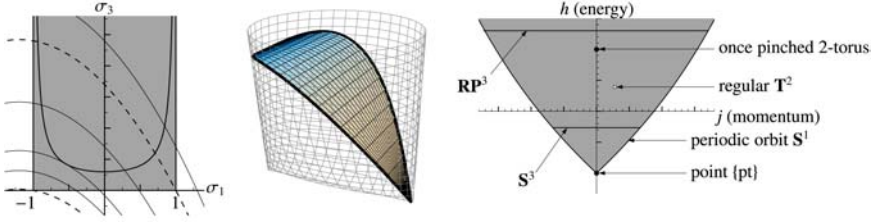
which we solve for  $\sigma_3$  to get

$$\sigma_3 = -b\sigma_1^2 - 2c\sigma_1 + 2(h - d) \quad (4.24)$$

Therefore the level curve  $H_j = h$  is a parabola that is turned *upward* when  $b < 0$  and *downward* when  $b > 0$ , and its extremum is at  $\sigma_1 = -c/b$ .

### Type O Systems

Systems of this type are characterized by the existence of a single isolated critical value of  $\mathcal{EM}$  with coordinates  $(h_c, j_c) = (b/2 + |c|, 0)$  which lifts to a singly pinched torus. The spherical pendulum belongs in this category. In this case the level curves of  $H_j$  are parabolas whose extremum (maximum or minimum) lies outside the interval  $[-1, 1]$ .



**Fig. 4.4** Reconstruction of type O systems.

In fig. 4.4b we show the projection of some level curves of  $H_j$  and spaces  $M_j$  on the plane  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_3)$ . Notice that the projection map  $\rho : (\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3) \mapsto (\sigma_1, \sigma_3)$  sends two points of  $M_j$  to the same point, except for points on the *fold curve*  $M_j^0 = M_j \cap \{\sigma_2 = 0\}$ .

The upper dashed level curve in fig. 4.4a goes through one of the critical points. Its intersection with  $M_0$  is a topological circle (fig. 4.4b). This corresponds to the isolated critical value of  $\mathcal{EM}$  and lifts to a singly pinched torus in  $TS^2$ .

The other dashed level curve consists only of the other singular point and lifts to a single point in  $TS^2$ . Points of tangency between a level curve  $H_j = h$  and a reduced space  $M_j$  lift to an  $S^1$ . Finally, all other intersections are diffeomorphic to a circle and each one of them lifts to a  $T^2$ .

## Type II Systems

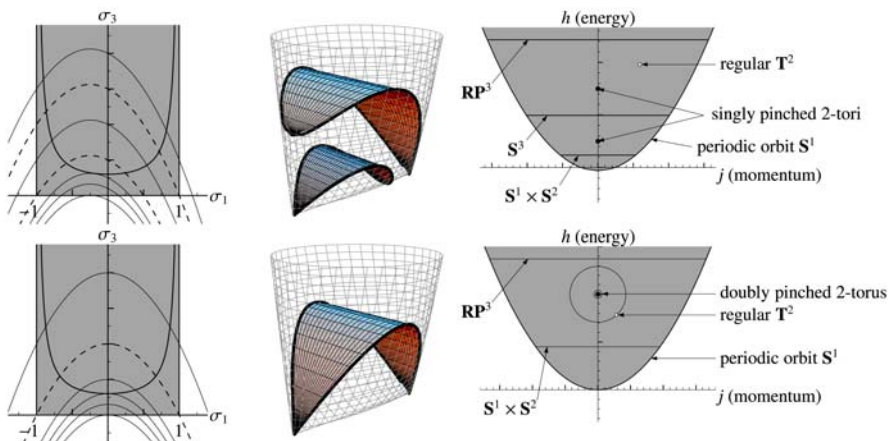
The energy-momentum map of type II systems for  $c \neq 0$  has two isolated critical values with coordinates  $(h, j) = (b/2 \pm |c|, 0)$ . These lift to two singly pinched tori. When  $c = 0$ ,  $b > 0$  there is only one critical value which lifts to a doubly pinched torus. The level curves of  $H_j$  in this case are parabolas turned downward with their maximum inside  $(-1, 1)$ .

In fig. 4.5a we show the projection of some level curves of  $H_j$  and spaces  $M_j$  on the plane  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_3)$ . Each one of the two dashed curves in fig. 4.5a pass through one singular point and intersect  $M_0$  in a topological circle (fig. 4.5b). Each one of the topological circles lifts to a singly pinched torus. All the other intersections  $\gamma_{h,j}$  lift either to  $S^1$  or to  $T^2$ .

When  $c = 0$  (fig. 4.5d,e,f) the level curves are symmetric with respect to  $\sigma_1 \mapsto -\sigma_1$ . Therefore the same dashed level curve (fig. 4.5d) goes through both singular points. The intersection of this level curve with  $M_0$  is a topological circle with two singularities (fig. 4.5e). It lifts to a doubly pinched torus.

## Type I Systems

Type I systems are characterized by the existence of the ‘triangular’ set ABC of critical values of  $\mathcal{EM}$  (fig. 4.6). In this case the level curves of  $H_j$  are



**Fig. 4.5** (a,b) Reconstruction of generic type II systems and (c) the image of  $\mathcal{EM}$ . (d,e) Reconstruction in the degenerate case  $c = 0$  with the doubly pinched torus and (f) the image of  $\mathcal{EM}$ .

parabolas that are turned upward and their minimum is inside the interval  $[-1, 1]$ .

In fig. 4.7a we see that there are two level curves of  $H_j$  (represented by dashed lines) that pass through the two singular points of  $M_0$ . The lower of these curves has only one point in common with  $M_0$  and therefore it lifts to a single point in  $TS^2$ . It corresponds to the lowest point in the image of  $\mathcal{EM}$  with coordinates  $(b/2 - |c|, 0)$ .

The upper dashed curve touches  $M_0$  at the singular point but has also a disjoint intersection with  $M_0$  which is diffeomorphic to a circle and lifts to a  $T^2$ . It corresponds to the point A in the image of  $\mathcal{EM}$ .

Level curves of  $H_j$  a little above the upper dashed curve intersect  $M_0$  (and  $M_j$  for  $|j|$  close to 0) at two disjoint circles. These lift to two disjoint  $T^2$ .

The thick level curve is tangent to  $M_0$ . Its intersection with  $M_0$  is a ‘figure-8’ (fig. 4.7b). In  $TS^2$  it lifts to two singular tori joined along a cycle. This cycle is an unstable relative equilibrium and the rest of the two tori are its stable and unstable manifolds (fig. 4.7c).

For even higher level curves the intersection with  $M_0$  is a single circle and gives a single  $T^2$ .

The values  $(h, j)$  for which we have two disjoint tori form the interior of the region ABC in fig. 4.6. Points along AB and AC lift to the disjoint union of an  $S^1$  and a  $T^2$  while the point A itself lifts to the disjoint union of a single point and a  $T^2$ . Points on BC lift to unstable periodic orbits with their stable and unstable manifolds.

Therefore, one can view the image of  $\mathcal{EM}$  as consisting of two leaves. The first leaf  $L_1$  is the light gray part of fig. 4.6 and it covers the whole image of  $\mathcal{EM}$ . The second leaf  $L_2$  lies over leaf  $L_1$  (and therefore hides part of it). It

is represented by the dark gray leaf i.e. the triangular region ABC in fig. 4.6. Each point inside each leaf lifts to a single torus in  $TS^2$ .

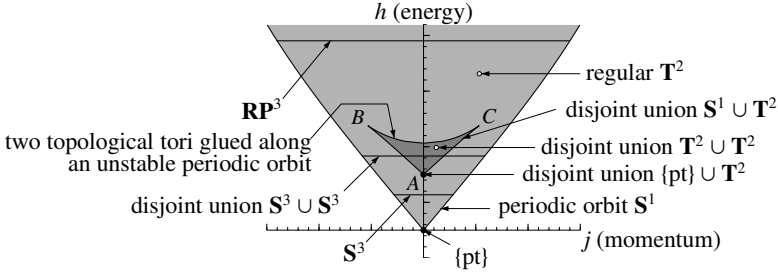


Fig. 4.6 Image of  $\mathcal{EM}$  for type I systems.



Fig. 4.7 Reconstruction for type I systems.

## 4.3 Classical and Quantum Monodromy

### 4.3.1 Classical Monodromy

Consider a two degree of freedom Hamiltonian system with Hamiltonian  $H$ , that is invariant with respect to a Hamiltonian  $S^1$  action generated by the momentum  $J$ . In other words,  $J$  is a first integral of  $X_H$ . Moreover, we assume that  $J$  and  $H$  are functionally independent. The energy-momentum map  $\mathcal{EM}$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{EM} : \mathbf{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2 : p \mapsto (H(p), J(p))$$

Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be the set of regular values of  $\mathcal{EM}$ . The following famous result provides a characterization of the compact regular fibers of  $\mathcal{EM}$ .

**Theorem 4.13 (Arnol'd-Liouville).** *If  $(h, j) \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j)$  is compact, then  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j)$  is a disjoint union of  $T^2$ . Moreover, in an open region  $U$  around  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j)$  there exist action-angle variables  $(I, \theta)$  such that  $\dot{I}_i = 0$  and  $\dot{\theta}_i = \omega_i(I)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ .*



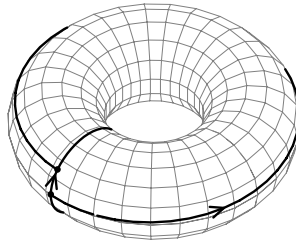
Consider a closed path  $\Gamma$  in  $\mathcal{R}$ , and assume that for each point  $(h, j) \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j)$  is a single  $\mathbf{T}^2$ .  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(\Gamma)$  is a  $\mathbf{T}^2$  bundle over  $\Gamma$ . We say that the bundle  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(\Gamma)$  is *trivial* if it is diffeomorphic to  $\mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{T}^2$ .

**Definition 4.14.** *A system has monodromy if there is a path  $\Gamma$  for which the bundle  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(\Gamma)$  is not trivial.*

The importance of monodromy is due to the following theorem by Duistermaat [38].

**Theorem 4.15 (Duistermaat).** *A system with monodromy has no globally defined action-angle variables.*

Let  $(h_0, j_0)$  denote a point on a closed path  $\Gamma$ . The classifying map of the  $\mathbf{T}^2$  bundle  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(\Gamma) \rightarrow \Gamma$  induces a linear automorphism on the first homology group  $H_1(\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h_0, j_0), \mathbf{Z})$  of  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h_0, j_0)$ . The matrix of this automorphism is called the *monodromy matrix*. A system has monodromy when the monodromy matrix is not the identity.



**Fig. 4.8** The flow of  $X_H$  and  $X_J$  on a torus and the definition of the first return time.

Usually, instead of studying directly the linear automorphism induced to the first homology group we study the period lattice:

**Definition 4.16.** *The period lattice  $P_{h,j}$  of the regular torus  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j)$  is the set of points  $(t_1, t_2) \in \mathbf{R}^2$  for which  $\phi_J^{t_1} \circ \phi_H^{t_2}(p) = p$ , where  $\phi_J^t, \phi_H^t$  are the flows of the vector fields  $X_J$  and  $X_H$  respectively and  $p \in \mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j)$ .*

Consider the flow of  $X_H$  and  $X_J$  on each torus. The flow of  $X_J$  gives closed orbits of period  $2\pi$ . This means that  $2\pi J$  can be considered an action variable  $I_1$ . The flow of  $X_H$  gives orbits that are in general not closed. The situation is depicted in fig. 4.8.

In order to define a second action variable  $I_2$ , consider an orbit  $\gamma$  of  $X_H$  that begins at a point  $p$  on the torus  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j)$ . Consider also the orbit  $\gamma_1$  of  $X_{I_1} \equiv X_J$  that begins at the same point  $p$ .  $\gamma$  intersects  $\gamma_1$  after time  $T(h, j)$  at a point  $p'$ .  $T(h, j)$  is called the first return time. The time it takes for the

orbit  $\gamma_1$  to go from  $p$  to  $p'$  is called the rotation number  $\Theta(h, j)$ . Define the vector field

$$X_{I_2} = -\Theta(h, j)X_J + T(h, j)X_H$$

It is easy to prove that an orbit  $\gamma_2$  of  $X$  that begins at  $p$  will come back at the same point after time  $2\pi$ . Therefore  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  are basis cycles for  $H_1(\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j), \mathbf{Z})$ . The second action  $I_2$  is defined by  $X_{I_2} \lrcorner \omega = dI_2$ .

It is easy to see that the period lattice  $P_{h,j}$  is spanned by the vectors  $v_1 = (2\pi, 0)$  and  $v_2 = (-\Theta(h, j), T(h, j))$ . The importance of the period lattice is due to the following result

**Lemma 4.17.** *The bundle  $\bigcup_{(h,j) \in \Gamma} P_{h,j} \rightarrow \Gamma$  is isomorphic to the bundle  $\bigcup_{(h,j) \in \Gamma} H_1(\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j), \mathbf{Z}) \rightarrow \Gamma$ .*

This means that the classifying map of the  $\mathbf{T}^2$  bundle over  $\Gamma$  induces the same linear automorphism to  $P_{h_0, j_0}$  as it does to  $H_1(\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h_0, j_0), \mathbf{Z})$ . Therefore, instead of studying directly the homology group we can study the period lattice and in particular the behavior of the rotation number and the first return time.

### 4.3.2 Quantum Monodromy

Monodromy can be visualized in the joint quantum spectrum of a Liouville integrable system. In this section we consider the semiclassical approximation. The joint spectrum is defined as the points  $(h, j) \in \mathbf{R}^2$  for which the actions  $I_i$  on the torus  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j)$  satisfy the condition

$$I_i = \hbar(n_i + \mu_i) \quad (4.25)$$

where  $n_i \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $\mu_i$  are the Maslov indices.

This defines a lattice on the image of  $\mathcal{EM}$ . If we consider a cell of the lattice and we transport along a path we find that when we return to the initial point the cell may have changed (see fig. 4.9 for the case of the linear spherical pendulum). In this case we have *quantum* monodromy.

The relation between classical and quantum monodromy was proved in [125]. We give here an informal discussion of this relation.

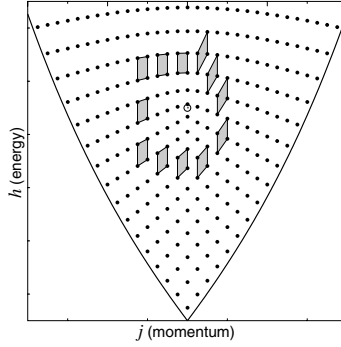
Consider the integrable foliation defined by two integrals  $F_1 = J$  and  $F_2 = H$ . Suppose that a cell of the lattice is spanned by the vectors  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ . Then, to first order, we have that

$$k_i dI_j = \hbar \delta_{ij} \quad (4.26)$$

where

$$dI_j = \left( \frac{\partial I_j}{\partial F_1}, \frac{\partial I_j}{\partial F_2} \right) \quad (4.27)$$

Assume that after a tour around the critical point the actions change according to the linear transformation  $(M^{-1})^T$ , i.e.



**Fig. 4.9** Quantum monodromy in the spherical pendulum. The elementary cell is transported along a path around the critical point. The path begins above the critical point and goes anticlockwise. When the cell returns to the original point it has changed.

$$\begin{pmatrix} I'_1 \\ I'_2 \end{pmatrix} = (M^{-1})^T \begin{pmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.28)$$

Then the cycles  $\gamma_1, \gamma_2$  transform according to

$$\begin{pmatrix} \gamma'_1 \\ \gamma'_2 \end{pmatrix} = (M^{-1})^T \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1 \\ \gamma_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.29)$$

This means in particular that the linear automorphism of  $H_1(\mathbf{T}^2, \mathbf{Z})$  is given by the matrix  $M$ .

When we transport the initial cell spanned by the vectors  $k_1, k_2$  along a path we obtain a new cell spanned by the vectors  $k'_1, k'_2$ . Then we can easily prove using the relations  $k'_i dI'_j = \hbar \delta_{ij}$  and (4.28), that the two pairs of vectors are related by the monodromy matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} k'_1 \\ k'_2 \end{pmatrix} = M \begin{pmatrix} k_1 \\ k_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.30)$$

This means that we can see the existence of monodromy by considering a cell of the joint spectrum lattice and transporting it around a path. Because of the previous relations the result is exact in the limit  $\hbar \rightarrow 0$ . Notice that in order to compute practically the quantum monodromy,  $\hbar$  should be small enough with respect to the dimensions of the image of  $\mathcal{EM}$  in order to have a large enough number of cells to be able to move the cell around.

## 4.4 Monodromy in the Family of Quadratic Spherical Pendula

We use two qualitative arguments in order to deduce the monodromy matrix for all members of the family of quadratic spherical pendula. The first is

the *geometric monodromy theorem* [30, 136] which in our case reduces to the statement that

**Theorem 4.18.** *If  $p$  is an isolated critical value of  $\mathcal{EM}$  which lifts to a  $k$ -pinched torus then the monodromy matrix for a path  $\Gamma$  around  $p$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & k \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  in an appropriate basis.*

The second is a deformation argument:

**Lemma 4.19.** *Let  $s \in [0, 1] \mapsto \Gamma_s$  be a smooth family of closed paths and  $s \in [0, 1] \mapsto \mathcal{EM}_s$  a smooth family of energy-momentum maps  $\mathcal{EM}_s : \mathbf{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2$  such that  $\Gamma_s \subseteq \mathcal{R}_s$  for all  $s \in [0, 1]$ , where  $\mathcal{R}_s$  is the set of regular values of  $\mathcal{EM}_s$ . Then the  $\mathbf{T}^2$  bundles  $\mathcal{EM}_0^{-1}(\Gamma_0) \rightarrow \Gamma_0$  and  $\mathcal{EM}_1^{-1}(\Gamma_1) \rightarrow \Gamma_1$  are isomorphic.*

It is known from [29] and [14] that the monodromy matrix for the spherical pendulum  $V(z) = z$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  while the monodromy matrix for the spherical pendulum  $V(z) = z^2$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . We will use the geometric monodromy theorem and deformation arguments in order to deduce the monodromy matrix for all the members of the family of quadratic spherical pendula.

#### 4.4.1 Monodromy in Type O and Type II Systems

Recall that type O systems are characterized by the existence of a single isolated critical value of  $\mathcal{EM}$  with coordinates  $(h, j) = (b/2 + |c|, 0)$  which lifts to a singly pinched torus.

**Lemma 4.20.** *The monodromy matrix around a path  $\Gamma$  that encircles the unique isolated critical value of  $\mathcal{EM}$  in type O systems is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  in an appropriate basis.*

**Proof.** This is a direct consequence of theorem 4.18. □

Monodromy in type II systems has been studied in [14, 35]. Recall that the energy-momentum map of type II systems for  $c \neq 0$  has two isolated critical values  $(b/2 - |c|, 0)$  and  $(b/2 + |c|, 0)$ . Each critical value lifts to a singly pinched torus. When  $b > 0, c = 0$   $\mathcal{EM}$  has only one isolated critical value which lifts to a doubly pinched torus. Therefore from theorem 4.18 (see also [14]) we have

**Lemma 4.21.** *The monodromy matrix around a path that encircles the unique isolated critical value of  $\mathcal{EM}$  for  $b > 0, c = 0$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  in an appropriate basis.*

In the case of type II systems with  $c \neq 0$  we prove

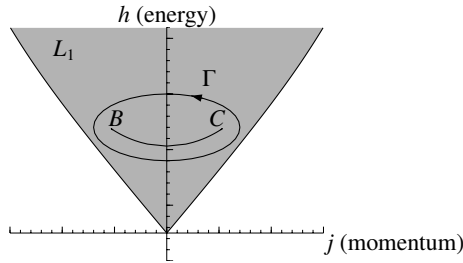
**Lemma 4.22.** *The monodromy matrix around a path  $\Gamma$  that encircles each of the isolated critical values of  $\mathcal{EM}$  in type II systems is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  in an appropriate basis. The monodromy matrix around a path that encircles both isolated critical values is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  in an appropriate basis.*

*Remark 4.23.* This result is contained in [14]. One can also use the *monodromy addition theorem* [35] to prove the part about paths going around both critical values. Here we use a deformation argument for this part.

**Proof.** The monodromy for paths that go around any one of the critical values is a direct consequence of theorem 4.18. Consider now a path  $\Gamma$  that encircles both critical values of  $\mathcal{EM}$ . If we keep  $b$  fixed and reduce  $c$  to 0 then the two critical values merge to a single critical value that lifts to a doubly pinched torus. From lemma 4.21 we know that the monodromy matrix around this value is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . From lemma 4.19 we obtain that the monodromy matrix around both isolated critical values for type II systems with  $c \neq 0$  is also  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .  $\square$

#### 4.4.2 Non-local Monodromy

Recall that in type I systems that image of the  $\mathcal{EM}$  map consists of two leafs  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  such that each point in the interior of each leaf, lifts to a single smooth two torus. The smaller leaf  $L_2$  is also denoted  $ABC$  (see fig. 4.6).



**Fig. 4.10** The path  $\Gamma$  around the curve  $BC$  on the leaf  $L_1$  lifts under  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}|_{L_1}$  to a  $\mathbf{T}^2$  bundle over  $\Gamma$ .

**Lemma 4.24.** *The monodromy for a path  $\Gamma$  on the leaf  $L_1$  that goes around the curve of critical values  $BC$  is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  in an appropriate basis.*

**Proof.** Consider a type O system i.e. a system with one isolated critical value of  $\mathcal{EM}$  and a path  $\Gamma$  that goes around this critical value. As we saw in the previous section, in this case the monodromy matrix is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . We deform smoothly this system and the path  $\Gamma$  until we obtain a type I system in such a way that the path  $\Gamma$  is not crossed by any critical values of  $\mathcal{EM}$  during this deformation. Then according to lemma 4.19 the monodromy matrix for  $\Gamma$  for the type I system is also  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Notice that the condition imposed on the path means that in the type I system the path does not intersect the region  $ABC$  (fig. 4.6).

In order to close the proof, we consider a path  $\Gamma'$  that goes around the line of critical values BC but enters into the region ABC. Notice that on the leaf  $L_1$  the path  $\Gamma'$  and the path  $\Gamma$  that goes around ABC are homotopic. Since the monodromy matrix for the  $\mathbf{T}^2$  bundle over  $\Gamma$  is already known to be  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  we deduce that this is the case also for the  $\mathbf{T}^2$  bundle over  $\Gamma'$ .  $\square$

We call this type of monodromy that is generated by a curve segment of critical lines of  $\mathcal{EM}$ , *non-local monodromy*.

*Remark 4.25.* An interesting and still open question is whether we can define in a meaningful way monodromy for a path that *crosses* the line BC. Consider such a path and begin at a point outside the region ABC. This point lifts to a torus. Suppose that the path enters ABC through BC. As we enter the island the single torus breaks into two tori. For this reason, I believe that it is not possible to define *classical* monodromy for any path  $\Gamma$  that crosses the line BC. Nevertheless, it may be possible to define *quantum* monodromy for such paths<sup>1</sup>.

## 4.5 Quantum Monodromy in the Quadratic Spherical Pendula

A short introduction to quantum monodromy and its relation with classical monodromy is given in 4.3.2. Quantum monodromy is a characteristic of the joint spectrum of the quantum operators

$$\mathcal{H} = -\hbar^2 \left( \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right) + V(\cos \theta) \quad (4.31)$$

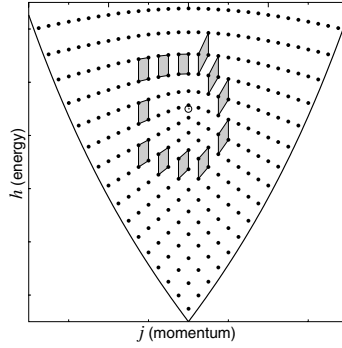
$$\mathcal{J} = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \quad (4.32)$$

which correspond to the classical Hamiltonian  $H$  and momentum  $J$  respectively on  $T\mathbf{S}^2$ .

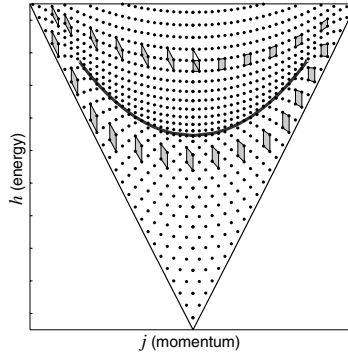
The spherical harmonics  $\{Y_{lm}\}$  with fixed  $m$  and  $l \geq |m|$  form a linear  $\mathcal{H}$ -invariant subspace of the Hilbert space while they are eigenvectors of  $\mathcal{J}$  with the same eigenvalue  $m$ . The spectrum of  $\mathcal{H}$  for fixed  $m$  is the set of eigenvalues of the matrix  $\langle Y_{l',m} | \mathcal{H} | Y_{l,m} \rangle$  where  $l, l' \geq |m|$ . Since this matrix is infinite, in order to compute its eigenvalues, we truncate it at a large value of  $l$ .

Recall that the monodromy matrix is then computed by considering a small cell spanned by vectors  $k_1, k_2$  and transporting it around the path  $\Gamma$ . If we denote by  $k'_1, k'_2$  the vectors that span the lattice when we come back to the original point we have  $k'_1 = k_1 + mk_2$  and  $k'_2 = k_2$ . Then the monodromy matrix is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & m \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

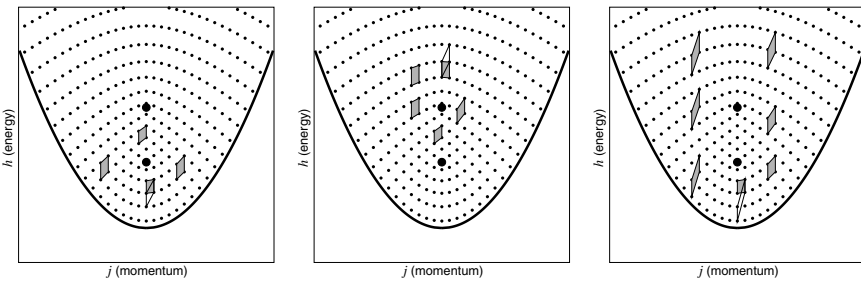
<sup>1</sup> Private communication with Boris Zhilinskii.



**Fig. 4.11** Quantum monodromy in the spherical pendulum and other type O systems.



**Fig. 4.12** Quantum monodromy in the case of type I systems.



**Fig. 4.13** Quantum monodromy in the case of type II systems.

The quantum lattices for type O systems which are qualitatively the same as the linear spherical pendulum, and type I and II systems, are shown in figs. 4.11, 4.12 and 4.13 respectively. We can easily read the monodromy matrix for each case from these figures.

## 4.6 Geometric Hamiltonian Hopf Bifurcations

In this section we prove that the equilibria located at the ‘north’ and ‘south’ poles of the sphere go through two qualitatively different geometric Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcations and we relate these bifurcations to monodromy.

Consider the one-parameter family

$$H(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}(y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2) + \frac{1}{2}b_\theta x_3^2 + c_\theta x_3 \quad (4.33)$$

where  $b_\theta = \cos \theta$  and  $c_\theta = \sin \theta$ .

Recall that  $P_\pm = (0, 0, \pm 1; 0, 0, 0)$  are the two equilibria of  $H$  (4.2) on  $TS^2$ .

**Theorem 4.26.**  *$P_-$  is degenerate elliptic for  $\theta \in (\pi/4, 5\pi/4)$  and degenerate hyperbolic for  $\theta \in (-3\pi/4, \pi/4)$ . At  $\theta = \pi/4$   $P_-$  goes through a supercritical geometric Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation. At  $\theta = 5\pi/4$  it goes through a subcritical geometric Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation.*

**Theorem 4.27.**  *$P_+$  is degenerate elliptic for  $\theta \in (3\pi/4, 7\pi/4)$  and degenerate hyperbolic for  $\theta \in (-\pi/4, 3\pi/4)$ . At  $\theta = -\pi/4$   $P_+$  goes through a supercritical geometric Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation. At  $\theta = 3\pi/4$  it goes through a subcritical geometric Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation.*

We will prove only the theorem for  $P_-$ , since the theorem for  $P_+$  can then be obtained by flipping the sphere upside down and changing  $c \mapsto -c$ .

First let us clarify what we mean by geometric Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation. Recall that the Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation is related to the behavior of a family of periodic orbits with respect to an equilibrium that loses linear stability. In particular, when an equilibrium is elliptic-elliptic, a family of periodic orbits emanates from it. In the case of a standard Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation the equilibrium loses stability by becoming complex hyperbolic. What is interesting is the nonlinear behavior of the system. In the case of a standard supercritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation the family of periodic orbits detaches from the equilibrium, while in the subcritical case the family shrinks to the equilibrium and disappears.

In the family of quadratic spherical pendula we prove that the equilibria  $P_\pm$  can be only degenerate elliptic (2E) or degenerate hyperbolic (2H). Nevertheless, the nonlinear behavior of the family of periodic orbits that emanates from  $P_+$  or  $P_-$  when it is 2E is the same as in the case of the standard Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation. For this reason we call this a *geometric Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation*. The case of a geometric Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation has been discussed in [66] for the 3D Hénon-Heiles family.



*Remark 4.28.* Notice that when  $P_-$  goes through a supercritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation we have no monodromy when  $P_-$  is 2E and standard monodromy when  $P_-$  is 2H. When it goes through a subcritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation we have non-local monodromy when it is 2E and standard monodromy when it is 2H. Recall that we saw a similar situation in the hydrogen atom in chapter 3.

### Local Chart

We define a local chart on  $TS^2$  near  $P_-$  using the relations

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= q_1 & x_2 &= q_2 & x_3 &= -(1 - q_1^2 - q_2^2)^{1/2} \\ y_1 &= p_1 & y_2 &= p_2 & y_3 &= \frac{q_1 p_1 + q_2 p_2}{(1 - q_1^2 - q_2^2)^{1/2}} \end{aligned}$$

The Poisson structure in the local chart is

	$q_1$	$q_2$	$p_1$	$p_2$
$q_1$	0	0	$1 - q_1^2$	$-q_1 q_2$
$q_2$		0	$-q_1 q_2$	$1 - q_2^2$
$p_1$			0	$q_2 p_1 - q_1 p_2$
$p_2$				0

The corresponding symplectic structure is

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &= \frac{1}{1 - q_1^2 - q_2^2} \left( (1 - q_2^2) dq_1 \wedge dp_1 + (1 - q_1^2) dq_2 \wedge dp_2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (p_2 q_1 - q_2 p_1) dq_1 \wedge dq_2 + q_1 q_2 (dq_1 \wedge dp_2 + dq_2 \wedge dp_1) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (4.34)$$

The  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action  $\Phi$  (4.7) induces a local  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action  $\Phi_{\text{local}}$  on the chart  $(q, p)$ . This action is

$$\Phi_{\text{local}} : \mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^4 : t, (q, p) \mapsto (R_t q, R_t p) \quad (4.35)$$

where  $R_t = \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & \sin t \\ -\sin t & \cos t \end{pmatrix}$ .

Notice that this exactly the same action as (3.51). Therefore lemma 3.9 holds. We recall that lemma here.

**Lemma 4.29.** *The algebra  $\mathbf{R}[q, p]^{\mathbf{S}^1}$  of polynomials invariant with respect to the local  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action are  $S = q_1 p_2 - q_2 p_1$ ,  $N = \frac{1}{2}(q_1^2 + q_2^2)$ ,  $M = \frac{1}{2}(p_1^2 + p_2^2)$  and  $T = q_1 p_1 + q_2 p_2$  related by  $T^2 = 4MN - S^2$ .*

### Linear Stability

The linear stability of the equilibria can be computed taking into account just the constant term of the symplectic form. In our case this is

$$\omega_0 = dq_1 \wedge dp_1 + dq_2 \wedge dp_2 \quad (4.36)$$

We express the Hamiltonian (4.2) in terms of the local chart  $(q, p)$  and we Taylor expand it around 0. The result is a local Hamiltonian function in variables  $(q, p)$  that we denote again by  $H$  and which has the form

$$H = H_2 + H_4 + H_6 + \cdots \quad (4.37)$$

where each term  $H_{2k}$  is a polynomial of degree  $2k$  in  $(q, p)$ .

Since the local Hamiltonian is invariant with respect to the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action  $\Phi_{\text{local}}$  (4.35) we deduce that the quadratic part  $H_2$  must have the form  $H_2 = a_1 M + a_2 N + a_3 S + a_3 T$ . But notice that the original Hamiltonian (4.2) is also invariant with respect to the time-reversal group  $\mathcal{T}$  which is generated by  $y \mapsto -y$ . This means that the local Hamiltonian  $H$  (4.37) is invariant under the transformation  $p \mapsto -p$ . The action of time reversal on the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  invariants is  $(M, N, S, T) \mapsto (M, N, -S, -T)$ . Therefore the only  $\mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathcal{T}$  invariants are  $M$  and  $N$  and the most general  $\mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathcal{T}$  invariant Hamiltonian  $H_2$  must be of the form

$$H_2 = a_1 M + a_2 N = \frac{a_1}{2}(p_1^2 + p_2^2) + \frac{a_2}{2}(q_1^2 + q_2^2) \quad (4.38)$$

The frequencies of such Hamiltonian are  $\pm(-a_1 a_2)^{1/2}$  (twice). Therefore  $P_-$  can only be 2E or 2H for *any* initial Hamiltonian of the form (4.2) with an axisymmetric potential  $V(x_3)$ . Therefore the only way with which  $P_-$  can lose stability is by becoming 2H. In the presence of suitable symmetry this non-generic in general bifurcation becomes generic.

*Remark 4.30.* This type of analysis is in the same spirit as the analysis in [47] of the possible types of linear stability of the critical points of the  $\mathbf{T}_d \times \mathcal{T}$  action on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$ .

Here in particular, the quadratic part of the local Hamiltonian is

$$H_2 = \frac{1}{2}(p_1^2 + p_2^2) + \frac{1}{2}(c - b)(q_1^2 + q_2^2) = M + (c - b)N \quad (4.39)$$

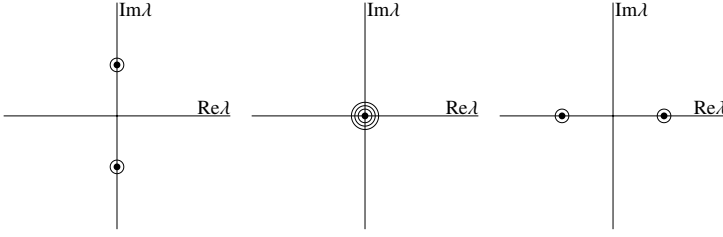
The linear stability of  $P_-$  can be easily deduced from  $H_2$ . Specifically, the frequencies are  $\pm(b - c)^{1/2}$  (twice). This means that  $P_-$  is degenerate elliptic (2E) for  $b - c < 0$  and degenerate hyperbolic (2H) for  $b - c > 0$ .  $P_-$  changes linear stability type when  $c = b$ . The movement of eigenvalues is shown in fig. 4.14.

## Nonlinear Hamiltonian Hopf Bifurcation

The symplectic form  $\omega$  can be Taylor expanded in the form

$$\omega = \omega_0 + \omega_2 + \omega_4 + \cdots \quad (4.40)$$

where



**Fig. 4.14** Movement of eigenvalues in the  $\mathbf{S}^1 \times T$  equivariant geometric Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation.

$$\omega_0 = dq_1 \wedge dp_1 + dq_2 \wedge dp_2 \quad (4.41)$$

is the standard symplectic form. Each term  $\omega_{2k}$  contains terms of degree  $2k$  in  $(q, p)$ . Specifically, the second term is

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_2 = & q_1^2 dq_1 \wedge dp_1 + q_2^2 dq_2 \wedge dp_2 \\ & + (p_2 q_1 - q_2 p_1) dq_1 \wedge dq_2 + q_1 q_2 (dq_1 \wedge dp_2 + dq_2 \wedge dp_1) \end{aligned} \quad (4.42)$$

In order to flatten the symplectic form we use the method described in [29] and in the previous chapter. Specifically, we use the transformation  $\phi$  induced in time 1 by the vector field

$$\begin{aligned} X = & -\frac{1}{4}q_1(q_1^2 + q_2^2)\frac{\partial}{\partial q_1} - \frac{1}{4}q_2(q_1^2 + q_2^2)\frac{\partial}{\partial q_2} \\ & - \frac{1}{4}(q_1(q_1 p_1 + q_2 p_2) + q_2(q_1 p_2 - q_2 p_1))\frac{\partial}{\partial p_1} \\ & - \frac{1}{4}(-q_1(q_1 p_2 - q_2 p_1) + q_2(q_1 p_1 + q_2 p_2))\frac{\partial}{\partial p_2} \end{aligned} \quad (4.43)$$

Notice that  $X$  is  $\Phi_{\text{local}}$  (4.35) equivariant. This means that the  $\phi$  transformed Hamiltonian

$$\phi^* H = H_2 + \mathcal{L}_X H_4 \quad (4.44)$$

is  $\Phi_{\text{local}}$  invariant. It is expressed in terms of the invariants  $(M, N, S, T)$  as

$$\phi^* H = M + (c - b)N + \frac{1}{2}(2b - c)N^2 + MN \quad (4.45)$$

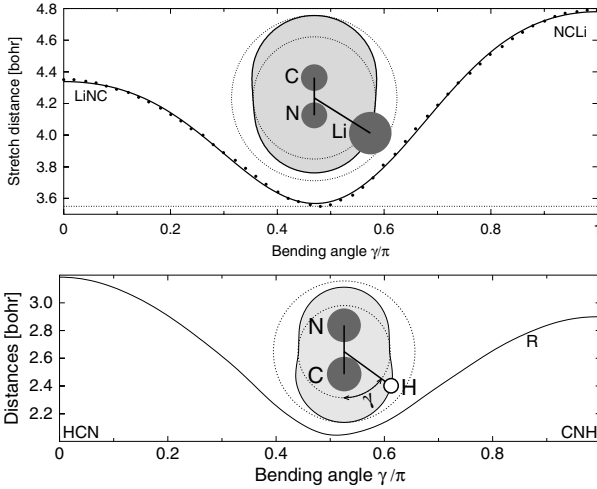
Recall that the equilibrium changes linear stability when  $c = b$  i.e. when the coefficient of  $N$  in  $H_2$  becomes 0. The last step is normalization with respect to  $N$  which kills all terms of order higher than 4 which contain  $M$  or  $T$ . We do this normalization using the Lie series method with the generator  $W = NT/6$ . The result is the normalized Hamiltonian

$$\tilde{H} = M + (c - b)N + \frac{1}{6}S^2 + \frac{1}{6}(4b - c)N^2 \quad (4.46)$$

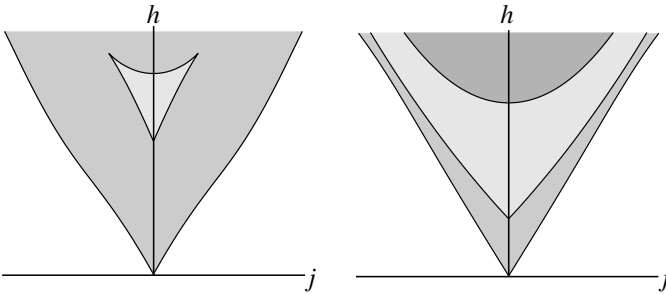
Exactly at the bifurcation  $b = c$ , the coefficient of  $N^2$  becomes  $c/2$ . Therefore we have a supercritical Hamiltonian Hopf bifurcation when  $c > 0$  and a subcritical one when  $c < 0$ . This completes the proof of fig. 4.2.

### 4.7 The LiCN Molecule

Recall that in §1.3 we introduced the family of quadratic spherical pendula as a family that includes the simple model of the LiCN molecule. In this section we discuss LiCN without taking into account the approximation that Li moves on the surface of a sphere.



**Fig. 4.15** The functions  $R(\gamma)$  for LiCN and HCN.



**Fig. 4.16** The image of  $\mathcal{EM}$  for LiCN (left) and HCN (right).

Recall that in floppy molecules of type XAB we have two stretching motions characterized by the distance  $r$  between the atoms AB and the distance  $R$  between the center of mass and X. We also have the bending motion characterized by the bending angle  $\gamma$ . In molecules like  $\text{CO}_2$  there is an 1:2 resonance between the stretching and bending motions but no such prominent resonance

exists between these two modes in HCN or LiCN. Therefore we can average the two stretching motions (for LiCN in particular  $r$  is considered fixed). This gives a surface  $R(\gamma)$ , on which X moves in the averaged system and where  $R$  depends considerably on  $\gamma$ . The potentials in both cases are given by *ab initio* calculations [49, 68, 124].

The functions  $R(\gamma)$  for HCN and LiCN are shown in fig. 4.15. The main difference between these cases is that the surface on which the Li atom moves in LiCN is convex but for the HCN it is not. This affects remarkably the qualitative features of the image of  $\mathcal{EM}$  for the two systems. This is shown in fig. 4.16. We can clearly see that the LiCN molecule has the main qualitative features of type I quadratic spherical pendula.

On the other hand, the image of  $\mathcal{EM}$  for HCN is completely different qualitatively. It consists of three leaves  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$  and  $L_3$  which join along the upper side of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  and the lower side of  $L_3$ . The leaves  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  overlap partially. Values  $(h, j)$  of  $\mathcal{EM}$  inside the overlap lift to two disjoint  $\mathbf{T}^2$  in phase space. For more details see [45] and [71].

## Fractional Monodromy in the 1: − 2 Resonance System

In this chapter we provide an analytic description of fractional monodromy in the 1: − 2 resonance system using period lattices.

### 5.1 The Energy-Momentum Map

Recall that the 1: − 2 resonance system is the two degree of freedom Hamiltonian system with

$$\begin{aligned} H : \mathbf{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbf{R} : z = (q_1, q_2, p_1, p_2) &\mapsto H(z) = \\ &= \sqrt{2}((q_1^2 - p_1^2)p_2 + 2q_1q_2p_1) + 2\epsilon(q_1^2 + p_1^2)(q_2^2 + p_2^2) \end{aligned} \quad (5.1)$$

where  $\epsilon$  is positive and sufficiently small.  $H$  Poisson commutes with

$$J : \mathbf{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbf{R} : z \mapsto J(z) = \frac{1}{2}(q_1^2 + p_1^2) - (q_2^2 + p_2^2) \quad (5.2)$$

The flow of the linear Hamiltonian vector field  $X_J$  is

$$\varphi_J : \mathbf{S}^1 \times \mathbf{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^4 : (t, \xi) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \cos t & 0 & -\sin t & 0 \\ 0 & \cos 2t & 0 & \sin 2t \\ \sin t & 0 & \cos t & 0 \\ 0 & -\sin 2t & 0 & \cos 2t \end{pmatrix} \xi \quad (5.3)$$

where  $\xi = (q_1, q_2, p_1, p_2)$ . The flow  $\varphi_J$  defines an  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action on  $\mathbf{R}^4$  which is in 1: − 2 resonance. Since  $\{H, J\} = 0$ , (5.1) defines a Liouville integrable Hamiltonian system. The energy-momentum map is

$$\mathcal{EM} : \mathbf{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2 : z \mapsto (H(z), J(z)) \quad (5.4)$$

Because the quartic terms are positive definite,  $H$  is a proper function. Consequently the fibers of  $\mathcal{EM}$  are compact. Let  $\mathcal{R}$  denote the set of regular values of  $\mathcal{EM}$  which lie in its range. For each  $(h, j) \in \mathcal{R}$ , each connected component of the fiber  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j)$  is a smooth two dimensional torus  $\mathbf{T}_{h,j}^2$  by the Arnol'd-Liouville theorem. In this section we study the geometry of the singular foliation defined by the the level sets of  $H$  (5.1) and  $J$  (5.2). The geometry of an equivalent foliation is obtained in [98] (see §5.4 for more details).

### 5.1.1 Reduction

We recall here from §1.4.1 the basic facts about the reduction of the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  symmetry (5.3). Since the  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action  $\varphi_J$  has  $\mathbf{Z}_2$  isotropy on  $\{q_1 = p_1 = 0\}$  and thus is not free, we need singular reduction. We use algebraic invariant theory.

The algebra of  $\varphi_J$ -invariant polynomials is generated by the polynomials

$$\begin{aligned} J(q_1, q_2, p_1, p_2) &= \frac{1}{2}(q_1^2 + p_1^2) - (q_2^2 + p_2^2) \\ \pi_1(q_1, q_2, p_1, p_2) &= \frac{1}{2}(q_1^2 + p_1^2) + (q_2^2 + p_2^2) \\ \pi_2(q_1, q_2, p_1, p_2) &= \sqrt{2}((q_1^2 - p_1^2)q_2 - 2q_1p_1p_2) \\ \pi_3(q_1, q_2, p_1, p_2) &= \sqrt{2}((q_1^2 - p_1^2)p_2 + 2q_1q_2p_1) \end{aligned}$$

subject to the relations

$$\Psi = \pi_2^2 + \pi_3^2 - (\pi_1 - J)(\pi_1 + J)^2 = 0 \quad (5.5)$$

and  $\pi_1 \geq |J|$ . The space  $\mathbf{R}^4/\mathbf{S}^1$  of  $\mathbf{S}^1$ -orbits is defined by (5.5) and is the image of the  $\mathbf{S}^1$ -orbit map

$$\rho : \mathbf{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^4 : z \mapsto (J(z), \pi_1(z), \pi_2(z), \pi_3(z))$$

The reduced phase space  $P_j = J^{-1}(j)/\mathbf{S}^1$  (see fig. 1.11) is the image of  $J^{-1}(j)$  under the reduction map  $\rho_j = \rho|_{J^{-1}(j)}$  and is defined by

$$\pi_2^2 + \pi_3^2 = (\pi_1 - j)(\pi_1 + j)^2, \quad \pi_1 \geq |j| \quad (5.6)$$

Since  $H$  (5.1) is invariant under  $\varphi_J$ , it induces on  $P_j$  a smooth function

$$H_j : P_j \subseteq \mathbf{R}^3 \mapsto \mathbf{R} : \pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3) \mapsto H_j(\pi) = \pi_3 + \epsilon(\pi_1^2 - j^2) \quad (5.7)$$

called the *reduced Hamiltonian*. The equations of motion for the reduced Hamiltonian  $H_j$  (5.7) are

$$\dot{\pi}_1 = \{\pi_1, H_j\} = 4\pi_2 \quad (5.8a)$$

$$\dot{\pi}_2 = \{\pi_2, H_j\} = 2(\pi_1 + j)(3\pi_1 - j) + 8\epsilon \pi_1 \pi_3 \quad (5.8b)$$

$$\dot{\pi}_3 = \{\pi_3, H_j\} = -8\epsilon \pi_1 \pi_2 \quad (5.8c)$$

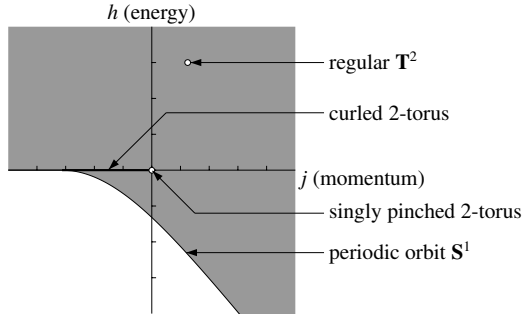
### 5.1.2 The Discriminant Locus

Next we describe the discriminant locus  $\Delta$  of  $\mathcal{EM}$  (5.4), that is, the set of critical values of  $\mathcal{EM}$  which lie in its range.

**Lemma 5.1.**  $\Delta$  is the union of the image of the two curves

$$\mathcal{C}_1 : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2 : s \mapsto (h(s), j(s)) = (0, -s) \quad (5.9)$$

and



**Fig. 5.1** The set of critical values  $\Delta$  of  $\mathcal{EM}$ . The range of  $\mathcal{EM}$  is shaded.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}_2 : [\tfrac{1}{2\epsilon^2}, \infty) &\rightarrow \mathbf{R}^2 : s \mapsto (h(s), j(s)) = \\ &= (4s(2\epsilon^2 s - 1)(\sqrt{2}(8\epsilon^2 s - 1)\sqrt{s(2\epsilon^2 s - 1)} - 2\epsilon s(8\epsilon^2 s - 3)), \\ &\quad s(3 - 8\epsilon^2 s + 4\epsilon\sqrt{2s(2\epsilon^2 s - 1)})) \end{aligned} \quad (5.10)$$

which join at the point  $P = (0, -\frac{1}{2\epsilon^2})$  in a  $C^1$  but not  $C^2$  fashion.

**Definition 5.2.** The image of the curve  $\mathcal{C}_1|(0, \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2})$  is called the critical line  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Proof of lemma 5.1.** The set  $\Delta$  of critical values of  $\mathcal{EM}$  is the set of  $(h, j) \in \mathbf{R}^2$  such that the level set  $\{H_j = h\}$  is tangent to the reduced phase space  $P_j$  at some point, or goes through the singular point  $(0, 0, |j|)$  of  $P_j$  for  $j \leq 0$ . Recall, that for  $j > 0$ ,  $P_j$  is smooth at  $(0, 0, |j|)$ . Eliminating  $\pi_3$  from (5.6) using  $H_j = h$ , we obtain

$$\pi_2^2 - Q_{h,j}(\pi_1) = 0 \quad (5.11)$$

where

$$Q_{h,j}(\pi_1) = (\pi_1^2 - j^2)(\pi_1 + j) - (h - \epsilon(\pi_1^2 - j^2))^2, \quad \pi_1 \geq |j| \quad (5.12)$$

We can prove, exactly as we did for the spherical pendula in §4.2.1, that  $(h, j) \in \Delta$  if and only if the polynomial  $Q_{h,j}(\pi_1)$  has a multiple root in  $[|j|, \infty)$ . This happens if and only if we can write

$$Q_{h,j}(\pi_1) = -(\pi_1 - s)^2(\epsilon^2\pi_1^2 + u\pi_1 + v), \quad (5.13)$$

for  $s \in [|j|, \infty)$  and  $u, v \in \mathbf{R}$ . Equating coefficients of the same power of  $\pi_1$  in (5.12) and (5.13) gives

$$\begin{aligned} u - 2s\epsilon^2 &= -1 \\ v - 2su + s^2\epsilon^2 &= -2\epsilon h - j - 2\epsilon^2 j^2 \\ s^2 u - 2sv &= j^2 \\ s^2 v &= h^2 + j^3 + 2\epsilon h j^2 + \epsilon^2 j^4 \end{aligned} \quad (5.14)$$



Eliminating  $u$  and  $v$  from equations (5.14) gives

$$2h^2 + 2j^3 + j^2s + s^3 - 2\epsilon^2s^4 = 0 \quad (5.15a)$$

$$-4\epsilon sh + (j - s)^2 - 4s^2(1 - s\epsilon^2) = 0 \quad (5.15b)$$

We now show how to parameterize the solution set of (5.15). If  $s = 0$  then  $j = h = 0$ . Suppose  $s \neq 0$ . Then from (5.15b) we get

$$h = \frac{1}{4\epsilon s}(j + s)(j - 3s - 4\epsilon^2s(j - s)) \quad (5.16)$$

Using (5.16) to eliminate  $h$  from (5.15a) we find

$$(j + s)^2((j - 3s)^2 + 16\epsilon^2s^2(j - s)) = 0 \quad (5.17)$$

where  $s \geq |j|$ . We have three cases depending on the discriminant  $\delta = 128\epsilon^2s^3(2\epsilon^2s - 1)$  of the quadratic factor in (5.17).

CASE 1. When  $0 < s < \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2}$  we have  $\delta < 0$ . In this case (5.17) has only one real linear factor. Hence  $j = -s$ . From (5.16) we find that  $h = 0$ . This gives the critical curve  $\mathcal{C}_1$ .

CASE 2. When  $s = \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2}$ , equation (5.17) becomes  $(j + \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2})^4 = 0$  that is,  $j = -\frac{1}{2\epsilon^2}$ . From equation (5.16), we obtain  $h = 0$ . This gives the point  $P$  where  $\mathcal{C}_2$  joins  $\mathcal{C}_1$ .

CASE 3. When  $s > \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2}$ , we have  $\delta > 0$ . In this case (5.17) has three real linear factors which give rise to three real solution branches of (5.15); namely

$$\begin{aligned} j &= -s \\ h &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (5.18)$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} j &= s(3 - 8\epsilon^2s + 4\epsilon\sqrt{2s(2\epsilon^2s - 1)}) \\ h &= 4s(2\epsilon^2s - 1)(\sqrt{2}(8\epsilon^2s - 1)\sqrt{s(2\epsilon^2s - 1)} - 2\epsilon s(8\epsilon^2s - 3)) \end{aligned} \quad (5.19)$$

or

$$j = s(3 - 8\epsilon^2s - 4\epsilon\sqrt{2s(2\epsilon^2s - 1)}) \quad (5.20a)$$

$$h = 4s(2\epsilon^2s - 1)(-\sqrt{2}(8\epsilon^2s - 1)\sqrt{s(2\epsilon^2s - 1)} - 2\epsilon s(8\epsilon^2s - 3)) \quad (5.20b)$$

From (5.20a) and using that  $s > \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2}$  we obtain that  $|j| > s$ . Therefore (5.20) must be excluded.  $\square$

### 5.1.3 Reconstruction

We now discuss the topology of the fibers of the reduced Hamiltonian  $H_j$  (5.7) on the reduced space  $P_j$  (5.6).

**Lemma 5.3.** *For points  $(h, j) \in \mathcal{C}_2 \cup \mathcal{C}_1 | (\frac{1}{2\epsilon^2}, \infty)$  (the boundary of the  $\mathcal{EM}$  image)  $H_j^{-1}(h)$  is a single point. For points  $(h, j) \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $H_j^{-1}(h)$  is a circle with one conical singularity. For the point  $(h, j) = (0, 0)$ ,  $H_j^{-1}(h)$  is a circle with one cusp. For all other points  $(h, j) \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $H_j^{-1}(h)$  is a smooth circle.*

**Proof.** From fig. 5.1 we see that the boundary of the image of  $\mathcal{EM}$  is the union of the images of  $\mathcal{C}_1 | (\frac{1}{2\epsilon^2}, \infty)$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2$  and corresponds to the critical values where  $H_j$  has an absolute minimum on  $P_j$ . Therefore, for nearby regular values  $(h, j) \in \mathcal{R}$ , the  $h$ -level set of  $H_j$  is a smooth circle. From the facts that  $\mathcal{EM} | \mathcal{EM}^{-1}(\mathcal{R}) : \mathcal{EM}^{-1}(\mathcal{R}) \mapsto \mathcal{R}$  is a proper surjective submersion and  $\mathcal{R}$  is connected and simply connected, it follows that for every  $(h, j) \in \mathcal{R}$  the level set  $H_j^{-1}(h)$  is a smooth circle. Next we look at those level sets where  $(h, j)$  lies on the critical curve  $\mathcal{C}$ . In this case  $H_j^{-1}(h)$  is defined by

$$\begin{cases} \pi_3 + \epsilon(\pi_1^2 - j^2) = h = 0, & j < 0 \\ \pi_2^2 + \pi_3^2 = (\pi_1^2 - j^2)(\pi_1 - |j|), & \pi_1 \geq |j|. \end{cases}$$

Eliminating  $\pi_3$  shows that  $H_j^{-1}(h)$  is the image of the curve

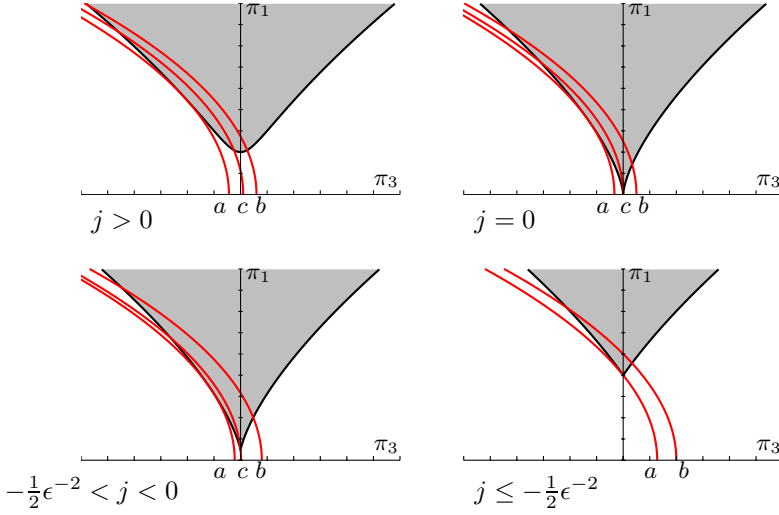
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D} : [|j|, \infty) &\rightarrow \mathbf{R}^3 : \\ \pi_1 &\mapsto (\pi_1, \pm \epsilon(\pi_1 - |j|) \sqrt{(\pi_1 + |j|)(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} - |j| - \pi_1)}, \epsilon(\pi_1^2 - j^2)). \end{aligned}$$

Choose  $\epsilon$  so that  $\epsilon \in (0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+|j|}})$ . Then  $(\pi_1 + |j|)(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} - |j| - \pi_1) \geq 0$  if and only if  $\pi_1 \in [|j|, \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} - |j|]$ . Hence  $H_j^{-1}(h)$  is a compact one dimensional manifold, which is smooth except at the point  $Q = (|j|, 0, 0)$  where it has a conical singularity. Hence  $H_j^{-1}(h)$  is homeomorphic (but *not* diffeomorphic) to a circle.  $\square$

*Remark 5.4.* We can obtain the result of lemma 5.3 pictorially by studying the intersections of level sets  $\{H_j = h\}$  and the reduced phase spaces  $P_j$ , see fig. 5.2.

We now carry out reconstruction.

**Lemma 5.5.** *For points  $(h, j) \in \mathcal{C}_2 \cup \mathcal{C}_1 | (\frac{1}{2\epsilon^2}, \infty)$  (the boundary of the  $\mathcal{EM}$  image)  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j)$  is a smooth circle. For points  $(h, j) \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j)$  is a curled torus. For the point  $(h, j) = (0, 0)$ ,  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(0, 0)$  is curled pinched torus. For all other points  $(h, j) \in \mathcal{R}$ ,  $H_j^{-1}(h)$  is a smooth two-torus  $\mathbf{T}_{h,j}^2$ .*



**Fig. 5.2** Projections of the intersections  $P_j \cap \{H_j = h\}$  on the plane  $\{\pi_2 = 0\}$ . The level sets  $\{H_j = h\}$  are shown by bold solid curves. From top to bottom:  $j > 0$ ,  $j = 0$ ,  $j < 0$  with  $|j|$  large,  $j < 0$  with  $|j|$  small.

**Proof.** In the original phase space  $\mathbf{R}^4$  the level set  $H_j^{-1}(h)$  on  $P_j$  reconstructs to  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j) = H^{-1}(h) \cap J^{-1}(j)$ . When  $H_j^{-1}(h)$  is a smooth circle,  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j)$  is a smooth two dimensional torus  $\mathbf{T}_{h,j}^2$ . When  $(h, j)$  lies on the boundary of the image of  $\mathcal{EM}$ ,  $H_j^{-1}(h)$  is a point and  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j)$  is a smooth circle. When  $(h, j)$  lies on the critical line  $\mathcal{C}$ , the singular point  $(0, 0, |j|)$  of  $P_j$  reconstructs to a periodic orbit  $\gamma_{h,j}$  of  $X_H$ , which is given by

$$\{q_1 = p_1 = 0, q_2^2 + p_2^2 = |j|\}.$$

$\gamma_{h,j}$  is hyperbolic and has primitive period  $\pi$ . Since its linear Poincaré map is  $\varphi_\pi^J = -\text{id}$ , the orbit  $\gamma_{h,j}$  is hyperbolic with reflection. Thus  $H_j^{-1}(h)$  for  $(h, j) \in \mathcal{C}$  reconstructs to  $\gamma_{h,j}$  together with its stable and unstable manifolds. The latter are twisted so that  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j)$  is not orientable. In other words, for  $(h, j)$  on the critical curve  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j)$  is a *curled 2-torus*; namely, a cylinder on a figure eight with the ends of the cylinder identified after performing a half twist. Here  $\gamma_{h,j}$  is the curve formed from the crossing point of the figure eight after making the identification. When  $j = h = 0$ , the curve  $\gamma_{h,j}$  collapses to a point and  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j)$  is a *pinched curled 2-torus*.  $\square$

This completes the description of the geometry of the singular foliation  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j)$  where  $(h, j)$  ranges over the image of  $\mathcal{EM}$ .

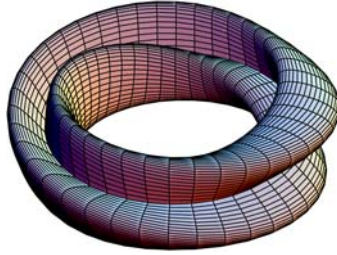
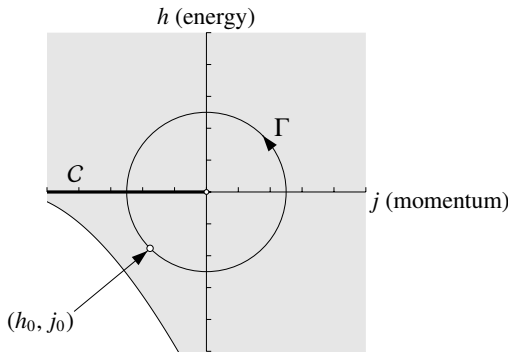


Fig. 5.3 Curled torus

## 5.2 The Period Lattice Description of Fractional Monodromy

We come now to the crux of this chapter, which is the analytical description of fractional monodromy using period lattices.

Fig. 5.4 Path  $\Gamma$  in the 1: - 2 resonance system.

Consider a smooth path  $\Gamma$  which starts at a regular value  $f_0 = (h_0, j_0)$  of  $\mathcal{EM}$ , goes around the point  $(0, 0)$  crossing  $\mathcal{C}$  once at a point  $c = (0, j_*)$ , and comes back to  $f_0$  (fig. 5.4). As we mentioned before (cf. §1.4.3), in the regular case, the homology group bundle over  $\Gamma$  is isomorphic to the period lattice bundle over  $\Gamma$  [29, 38]. For this reason, in the regular case, we study the latter instead of the former. Although a similar result has not been proved for the case of singular bundles like the one studied here, we are going to study the variation of the period lattice as we go around  $\Gamma$  and then connect this result to the computations of fractional monodromy in [43, 98, 99].

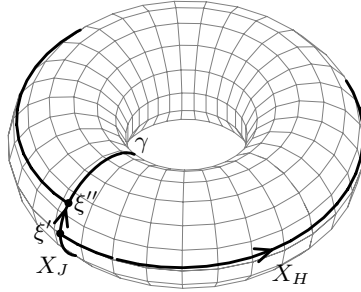
Let us recall briefly the notion of a period lattice specializing the discussion in the case of 2-DOF Hamiltonian systems. Consider an integrable two degree of freedom Hamiltonian system  $H$  with an integral  $K$ . We assume that if  $m$

is a regular value of the map  $(H, K)$  then the fiber  $(H, K)^{-1}$  is compact. This means in particular that it is a two-torus. Let  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  be two vector fields such that  $\mathcal{L}_{Z_j}H = \mathcal{L}_{Z_j}K = 0$ , i.e. the flows  $\varphi_{Z_j}$  of  $Z_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2$  preserve the fibers of  $(H, K)$ . Moreover assume that  $[Z_1, Z_2] = 0$  and they are complete on the regular fibers of  $(H, K)$ .

**Definition 5.6.** *The lattice*

$$\{(T_1, T_2) \in \mathbf{R}^2 : \varphi_{Z_1}^{T_1} \varphi_{Z_2}^{T_2}(z) = z \text{ for } z \in (H, K)^{-1}(h, k)\}$$

is called the period lattice of  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  on  $(H, K)^{-1}(h, j)$  and is denoted  $\mathbf{PL}_{Z_1, Z_2}(h, k)$ .



**Fig. 5.5** The flow of the two vector fields  $X_H$  and  $X_J$  on the regular 2-torus  $\mathbf{T}_{j,h}^2$ ; the flow of  $X_J$  is periodic while that of  $X_H$  is not.

Let us now consider more specifically the situation of the 1: - 2 resonance system in which  $K = J$  is the generator of an  $\mathbf{S}^1$  action. We introduce the notation  $\mathbf{T}_f^2 = \mathcal{EM}^{-1}(f)$  for regular values  $f = (h, j)$  of  $\mathcal{EM}$ . Let  $\gamma$  be the periodic orbit on  $\mathbf{T}_f^2$  traced out by an integral curve of  $X_J$  starting at  $\xi'$  (see fig. 5.5). Since  $X_H$  and  $X_J$  are linearly independent on  $\mathbf{T}_f^2$ , the integral curve  $t \mapsto \varphi_H^t(\xi')$  of  $X_H|_{\mathbf{T}_f^2}$  starting at  $\xi'$  intersects  $\gamma$  transversely at  $\xi''$  for the first positive time when  $t = T(f)$ . Because of transversality,  $T(f)$  is a locally smooth function of  $f \in \mathcal{R}_{\text{reg}}$ . The twist of the flow of  $X_H$  on  $\mathbf{T}_f^2$  is given by  $\Theta(f) = \theta(\xi'') - \theta(\xi')$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle conjugate to the momentum  $J$ , see §5.2.1. Locally  $\Theta$  is a smooth function of  $f \in \mathcal{R}_{\text{reg}}$ .

**Definition 5.7.** *The functions  $\Theta(f)$  and  $T(f)$  are called the rotation angle and the first return time respectively of the vector field  $X_H$  with respect to  $X_J$  on  $\mathbf{T}_f^2$ .*

It follows easily from the construction of the rotation angle and the first return time that the period lattice  $\mathbf{PL}_{X_J, X_H}(f)$  is generated by the vectors  $(2\pi, 0)$  and  $(-\Theta(f), T(f))$ . Therefore it depends essentially on the behavior of the rotation angle and the first return time.

### 5.2.1 Rotation Angle and First Return Time

Let  $z$  be a point on  $\mathbf{T}_{h,j}^2 = \mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j)$ , where  $(h, j) \in \mathcal{R}$ , and consider the integral curve  $t \mapsto \varphi_{X_H}^t(z)$  of  $X_H$  on  $\mathbf{T}_{h,j}^2$ . This integral curve reaches the circle on  $\mathbf{T}_{h,j}^2$  traced out by the integral curve  $s \mapsto \varphi_J^s(z)$  of  $X_J$  for the first positive time at the first return time  $T(h, j)$ . Since the image of  $t \mapsto \varphi_{X_H}^t(z)$  under the reduction mapping is precisely the integral curve of the reduced vector field  $X_{H_j}$  whose image is the circle  $H_j^{-1}(h)$ ,  $T(h, j)$  is the period of the orbit of  $X_{H_j}$  on  $H_j^{-1}(h) \cap P_j$ . Since the trajectory  $H_j^{-1}(h)$  lies on  $P_j$ , we have that  $\pi_2^2 = Q_{h,j}(\pi_1)$  where

$$Q_{h,j}(\pi_1) = (\pi_1 - j)(\pi_1 + j)^2 - (h - \epsilon(\pi_1^2 - j^2))^2 \quad (5.21)$$

is obtained from (5.6) by substitution of  $\pi_3$  through the relation  $H_j = h$  (5.7). The projection of this trajectory on the  $\pi_1$ -axis is the closed interval  $[\pi_1^-, \pi_1^+]$ . Here  $\pi_1^-$  and  $\pi_1^+$  are the two real roots of the polynomial  $Q_{h,j}(\pi_1)$  in the interval  $[|j|, +\infty)$  with  $\pi_1^+ > \pi_1^-$ . The period  $T(h, j)$  of the trajectory  $H_j^{-1}(h)$  on  $P_j$  is

$$T(h, j) = \int_0^{T(h,j)} dt = 2 \int_{\pi_1^-}^{\pi_1^+} \frac{d\pi_1}{\dot{\pi}_1} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\pi_1^-}^{\pi_1^+} \frac{d\pi_1}{\pi_2}. \quad (5.22)$$

The last equality in (5.22) follows from (5.8a). Hence the integral (5.22) becomes

$$T(h, j) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\pi_1^-}^{\pi_1^+} \frac{d\pi_1}{\sqrt{Q_{h,j}(\pi_1)}} \quad (5.23)$$

As  $(h, j)$  approaches a point  $c$  on the critical curve  $\mathcal{C}$ , the period  $T(h, j)$  goes to infinity, because  $X_H$  is a smooth complete vector field and  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(c)$  is a hyperbolic periodic orbit with its stable and unstable manifolds.

Next we determine the rotation angle of the flow of  $X_H$  on  $\mathbf{T}_{h,j}^2$ . Let  $\theta = \tan^{-1}(q_1/p_1)$ . The (multivalued) function  $\theta$  is canonically conjugate to  $J$ , as is easily seen by computing

$$\{\theta, J\} = \mathcal{L}_{X_J}\theta = 1$$

The time derivative of  $\theta$  along an integral curve of  $X_H$  is

$$\dot{\theta} = \mathcal{L}_{X_H}\theta = \frac{q_1\dot{p}_1 - p_1\dot{q}_1}{q_1^2 + p_1^2} \quad (5.24)$$

From Hamilton's equations for the integral curves of  $X_H$  we obtain  $\dot{p}_1$  and  $\dot{q}_1$ . The function  $\dot{\theta}$  is  $\phi^J$ -invariant, since

$$\{J, \dot{\theta}\} = \{J, \{\theta, H\}\} = -\{\theta, \{H, J\}\} - \{H, \{\theta, J\}\} = -\{H, 1\} = 0.$$

Therefore we can express  $\dot{\theta}$  in terms of the invariants  $J$ ,  $\pi_1$ ,  $\pi_2$  and  $\pi_3$ . A short computation gives

$$\dot{\theta} = \frac{2h}{j + \pi_1} \quad (5.25)$$

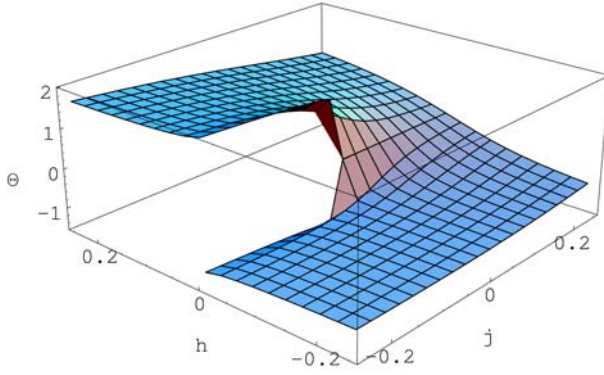
Define the *rotation angle*  $\Theta(h, j)$  of the flow of  $X_H$  on  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j)$  by

$$\Theta(h, j) = \int_0^{\Theta(h, j)} d\theta = \int_0^{T(h, j)} \dot{\theta} dt \quad (5.26)$$

Then

$$\Theta(h, j) = 2 \int_{\pi_1^-}^{\pi_1^+} \frac{2h}{j + \pi_1} \frac{d\pi_1}{\dot{\pi}_1} = h \int_{\pi_1^-}^{\pi_1^+} \frac{1}{j + \pi_1} \frac{d\pi_1}{\sqrt{Q_{h, j}(\pi_1)}}, \quad (5.27)$$

using (5.8a).



**Fig. 5.6** The rotation angle  $\Theta(j, h)$ . The discontinuity is along the critical line  $\mathcal{C}$ .

The rotation angle  $\Theta(h, j)$  of  $X_H$  on  $\mathcal{EM}^{-1}(h, j)$ , where  $(h, j) \in \mathcal{R}$  has different finite limits when  $h$  converges to 0 from above or below. More precisely, we find (see [43]):

**Lemma 5.8.** *For  $j < 0$  and  $\epsilon|2j|^{1/2} < 1$  we have*

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \Theta(h, j) = \frac{\pi}{2} + \sin^{-1}(\epsilon(2|j|)^{1/2}) \quad (5.28)$$

and

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \Theta(h, j) = -\frac{\pi}{2} + \sin^{-1}(\epsilon(2|j|)^{1/2}) \quad (5.29)$$

### 5.2.2 The Modified Period Lattice

It is clear from the preceding discussion that the period lattice  $\mathbf{PL}_{X_J, X_H}(c)$  can not be defined since the first return time  $T$  blows up as we approach  $\mathcal{C}$ . This means that we can not continue this period lattice through  $\mathcal{C}$ . In order to

remedy the situation we define a modified period lattice that can be continued. In particular, we rescale time to ensure that the new first return time is finite. Let

$$X(z) = \frac{1}{q_1^2 + p_1^2} X_H(z)$$

$X$  is a smooth non-vanishing vector field on  $\mathbf{R}^4 \setminus \{q_1 = p_1 = 0\}$ . The image of an integral curve of  $X$  through  $z \in \mathbf{T}_f^2$  is the same as the image of an integral curve of  $X_H$  through  $z$ . It follows that  $\mathbf{T}_f^2$  is an invariant manifold of  $X$ . Because the function  $(q_1, q_2, p_1, p_2) \mapsto p_1^2 + q_1^2$  is invariant under the flow of  $X_J$ , the vector fields  $X|_{\mathbf{T}_f^2}$  and  $X_J|_{\mathbf{T}_f^2}$  commute. The modified period lattice  $\mathbf{PL}_{X_J, X}(f)$  is spanned by  $(2\pi, 0)$  and  $(-\Theta(f), \tau(f))$ . We have [43]:

**Lemma 5.9.** *The modified first return time  $\tau(f)$  of the vector field  $X|_{\mathbf{T}_f^2}$  is smooth in  $\mathcal{R}$  and continuous at  $\mathcal{C}$ .*

We note that the *modified rotation angle*  $\Theta(f)$  of the vector field  $X|_{\mathbf{T}_f^2}$  is equal to the rotation angle  $\Theta(f)$  (5.27), because

$$\Theta(f) = \int_0^{\tau(f)} \frac{d\theta}{ds} ds = \int_0^{T(f)} \frac{d\theta}{ds} \frac{ds}{dt} dt = \int_0^{T(f)} \frac{d\theta}{dt} dt = \Theta(f).$$

In order to make the following discussion clearer we introduce some notation. Assume that  $\Gamma$  is parameterized by  $u \in [0, 1]$  in such a way that the initial and final point  $f_0$  is  $\Gamma(0) = \Gamma(1)$ . Moreover let  $c = \Gamma(u_*) \in \mathcal{C}$  where  $u_* \in (0, 1)$  and with a slight abuse in notation let  $\tau(u) = \tau(\Gamma(u))$  and  $\Theta(u) = \Theta(\Gamma(u))$ . Finally, let  $U_1 = [0, u_*]$  and  $U_2 = (u_*, 1]$ .

Notice that when  $\Gamma$  crosses the critical line  $\mathcal{C}$  at  $c = \Gamma(u_*)$ , the rotation angle  $\Theta$  decreases by  $\pi$ . This discontinuity of the rotation angle at  $u = u_*$  induces a discontinuity of the period lattice  $\mathbf{PL}_{X_J, X}(\Gamma(u))$ . In order to obtain a lattice that changes continuously we define a function  $\vartheta : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R} : u \mapsto \vartheta(u)$  such that  $\vartheta(u) = \Theta(u)$  when  $u \in U_1$  and  $\vartheta(u) = \Theta(u) + \pi$  when  $u \in U_2$ . Notice that with these definitions the limit  $\lim_{u \rightarrow u_*} \vartheta(u)$  exists and is finite, so we define  $\vartheta(u_*) = \lim_{u \rightarrow u_*} \vartheta(u)$ .

Define the lattice  $\mathbf{PL}(u)$  as the lattice generated by  $(2\pi, 0)$  and  $(-\vartheta(u), \tau(u))$  and observe that this lattice can be continued at  $u_*$ . Moreover, notice that  $\mathbf{PL}(u)$  and  $\mathbf{PL}_{X_J, X}(\Gamma(u))$  are identical when  $u \in U_1$  but they are different when  $u \in U_2$ . This means in particular that  $\mathbf{PL}(1)$  is different from  $\mathbf{PL}(0)$ . Nevertheless, there exists a sublattice  $\mathbf{pl}(u)$  of  $\mathbf{PL}(u)$  that (a) can be continued through  $u_*$  and (b) is a sublattice of  $\mathbf{PL}_{X_J, X}(\Gamma(u))$  for all  $u \in U_1 \cup U_2$ .  $\mathbf{pl}(u)$  is spanned by  $v_1(u) = (2\pi, 0)$  and  $v_2(u) = (-2\vartheta(u), 2\tau(u))$ ,  $u \in [0, 1]$ .

When we move  $\mathbf{pl}(u)$  around  $\Gamma$  we begin at  $u = 0$  with the basis  $v_1(0) = (2\pi, 0)$ ,  $v_2(0) = (-2\vartheta(0), 2\tau(0)) = (-2\Theta(f_0), 2\tau(f_0))$  of  $\mathbf{pl}(0)$ . When we arrive at the end  $u = 1$  we obtain the basis  $v_1(1) = (2\pi, 0)$ ,

$$v_2(1) = (-2\vartheta(1), 2\tau(1)) = (-2\Theta(f_0) - 2\pi, 2\tau(f_0)) = v_2(0) - v_1(0)$$



of  $\text{pl}(1) = \text{pl}(0)$ . The matrix that gives the transformation between the two bases is

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Notice that if we consider (formally) the basis  $w_1 = v_1$ ,  $w_2 = v_2/2$  of PL we obtain that the transformation matrix is

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

This is the origin of the name *fractional monodromy*.

### 5.3 Sketch of the Proof of Fractional Monodromy in [43]

Notice that while the description of fractional monodromy in terms of the variation of the period lattice gives the same results as [43, 98] it does not constitute a proof because we did not discuss the relation of the period lattice bundle over  $\Gamma$  to the first homology group bundle over  $\Gamma$  in the singular situation that we study here. Recall that in the regular case the period lattice bundle and the homology group bundle are isomorphic.

We give here the main points of the proof of fractional monodromy given in [43]. The proof uses the same notions that we used in the period lattice description of fractional monodromy (rotation angle, first return time, time rescaling) but does not use directly the notion of the period lattice.

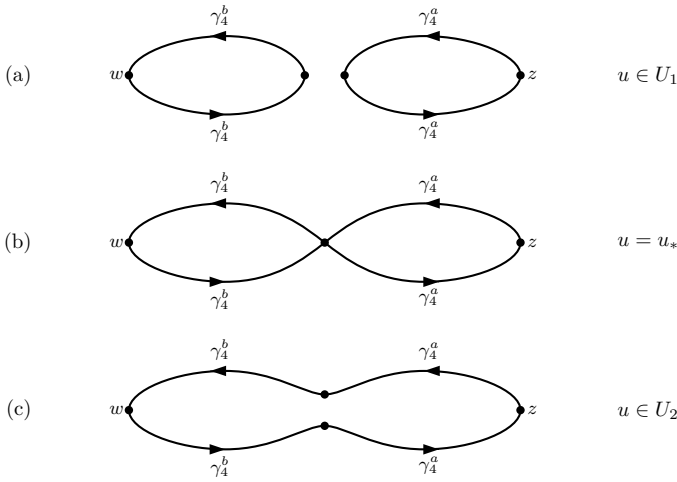
Instead of considering the continuation of the basis of an appropriate sublattice  $\text{pl}$  we consider the continuation of a cycle basis of an appropriate subgroup  $\mathcal{H}_1$  of the first homology group  $H_1$ . In order to construct the cycle basis we consider a specific point  $\xi \in \mathbf{T}_f^2$ . The first cycle  $[\gamma_1]$  is the homology class of the closed curve generated by the flow of  $X_1 = 2\pi X_J$  in time 1. In order to construct a second cycle we need a second periodic vector field. Such a vector field is

$$X_2 = -\Theta(f)X_J + T(f)X_H$$

The curve  $\gamma_2 : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{T}_f^2 : t \mapsto \varphi_{X_2}^t(z)$  is a closed curve on regular  $\mathbf{T}_f^2$ . Notice that in the basis  $(X_J, X_H)$  we have that  $X_1 = (2\pi, 0)$  and  $X_2 = (-\Theta(f), T(f))$  i.e. they are identical to the generators of  $\mathbf{PL}_{X_J, X_H}(f)$ .

For the same reasons that we could not continue  $\mathbf{PL}_{X_J, X_H}(f)$  through  $\mathcal{C}$  (because of the blow up of  $T(f)$  and then the discontinuity of  $\Theta(f)$ ) it is also not possible to continue the cycles  $[\gamma_1]$  and  $[\gamma_2]$ . For this reason we introduce the time rescaled vector field  $X$  and the function  $\vartheta(u)$ . Using these we can define a vector field  $X_3 = -\vartheta(u)X_J + \tau(u)X$ . Notice though that for  $u \in U_2$  the flow of  $X_3$  closes for the first time after time 2 while for  $u \in U_1$  it closes after time 1. Moreover the curve  $\gamma_2 : [0, 2] \rightarrow \mathbf{T}_f^2 : t \mapsto \varphi_{X_2}^t(z)$  is not deformed continuously as we cross  $\mathcal{C}$ . In order to remedy the situation we define  $X_4 = -2\vartheta(u)X_J + 2\tau(u)X$ —notice the analogy with the definition

of the sublattice pl—and a ‘curve’  $\gamma_4$  constructed in the following way. For a specifically chosen point  $z \in \mathbf{T}_f^2$  define  $w = \varphi_{X_f}^\pi(z)$ —in a sense  $z$  and  $w$  are ‘antipodal’ on  $\mathbf{T}_f^2$ . Then consider the curves  $\gamma_4^a : [-1/4, 1/4] \rightarrow \mathbf{T}_f^2 : t \mapsto \varphi_{X_4}^t(z)$  and  $\gamma_4^b : [-1/4, 1/4] \rightarrow \mathbf{T}_f^2 : t \mapsto \varphi_{X_4}^t(w)$ , fig. 5.7. For  $u \in U_1$  this construction gives two disjoint but homologous (on the torus) curves that join in  $u_*$  and for  $u \in U_2$  we obtain one closed curve (see fig. 5.7). It is possible to prove that the union of these two curves changes continuously as we go through  $\mathcal{C}$ . In this way we have a continuous deformation of the cycle basis. A comparison of the initial and final cycle basis at  $f_0 = \Gamma(0) = \Gamma(1)$  gives the monodromy matrix. The result agrees with the one given by the period lattice approach.



**Fig. 5.7** Schematic representation of the paths  $\gamma_4^a(u)$  and  $\gamma_4^b(u)$  and how they join for (a)  $u \in U_1$ , (b)  $u = u_*$ , and (c)  $u \in U_2$ . The deformation of the path  $\gamma_4(u) = \gamma_4^a \cup \gamma_4^b$  is continuous at  $u_*$ .

## 5.4 Relation to the 1: – 2 Resonance System of [99]

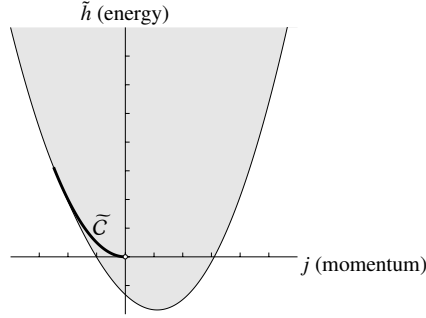
In [99] the authors study geometrically the fractional monodromy in the 1: – 2 resonance using instead of the Hamiltonian (5.7), the Hamiltonian

$$\tilde{H}(z) = \sqrt{2}((q_1^2 - p_1^2)p_2 + 2q_1q_2p_1) + \epsilon\left(\frac{1}{2}(q_1^2 + p_1^2) + (q_2^2 + p_2^2)\right)^2 \quad (5.30)$$

which reduces to

$$\tilde{H}_j = \pi_3 + \epsilon\pi_1^2 \quad (5.31)$$

We want to uncover the relation between (5.7) and (5.31) and explain why in this work we had to choose (5.7). Note that the definitions of the invariants in [99] differ by a scale factor but this does not affect this discussion.



**Fig. 5.8** Energy-momentum map of the modified 1: - 2 resonance

The energy-momentum map in [99] is

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{EM}}(z) = (\widetilde{H}(z), J(z)) = (H(z) + \epsilon J(z)^2, J(z)) = \Psi \circ \mathcal{EM}(z)$$

where  $\Psi$  is the diffeomorphism  $(h, j) \mapsto (h + \epsilon j^2, j)$ . Since the two energy-momentum maps are related through a diffeomorphism they define the same foliation of  $\mathbf{R}^4$ . Therefore, qualitatively the two systems are the same. The image of  $\mathcal{EM}$  is depicted in fig. 5.8.

The crucial difference is that the rotation number for  $\widetilde{\mathcal{EM}}$  goes to infinity as we approach the critical curve  $\widetilde{\mathcal{C}}$ . Specifically the computation of the rotation number  $\widetilde{\Theta}$  of  $X_{\widetilde{H}}$  shows that

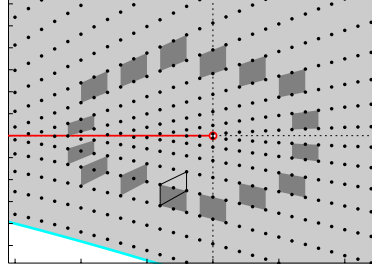
$$\widetilde{\Theta} \circ \Psi(h, j) = \Theta(h, j) - 2\epsilon j T(h, j)$$

The last expression isolates the part of  $\widetilde{\Theta}$  that causes the blow-up behavior near  $\widetilde{\mathcal{C}}$ , which is  $-2\epsilon j T(h, j)$ . In order to account for this term we have ‘corrected’ the Hamiltonian  $\widetilde{H}$  by subtracting the term  $\epsilon J^2$ , that gives  $H$  (5.7).

## 5.5 Quantum Fractional Monodromy

We finish the discussion on the fractional monodromy of the 1: - 2 resonance with a brief discussion of the quantum manifestation of this phenomenon. For more details see [98,99]. In fig. 5.9 we show the joint spectrum of the quantum operators that correspond to the classical functions  $H$  and  $J$  for the 1: - 2 resonance. A few futile attempts to pass some single cells through the critical line  $\mathcal{C}$  getting consistent results can convince someone that single cells do not work. The only way to get consistent results is to consider a *double cell* (dark

gray in fig. 5.9) which is the equivalent of considering the sublattice pl or a ‘double’ cycle. When we move the double cell around the point  $(0,0)$  we find that the quantum monodromy matrix is  $M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Going formally to a single cell we find the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .



**Fig. 5.9** Crossing the critical line with a double cell.

## 5.6 Fractional Monodromy in Other Resonances

Zhilinskii<sup>1</sup> through the study of fractional monodromy as a lattice defect (see [135]) has suggested the following conjectures

*Conjecture 5.10.* The formal monodromy matrix in a  $1:-n$  resonance system, where  $n \geq 2$ , is

$$M_{1:-n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{n} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

*Conjecture 5.11.* The formal monodromy matrix in a  $m:-n$  resonance system, where  $m, n \geq 2$  and relatively prime, is

$$M_{m:-n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Here the precise meaning of the formal monodromy matrix is that we should consider a sublattice of the period lattice (or equivalently a subgroup of the homology group) generated by  $v_1$  and  $mnv_2$ . Then in this basis the monodromy matrix is

$$M_{m:-n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & m+n \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

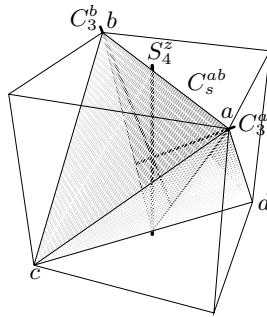
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# A

## The Tetrahedral Group

### A.1 Action of the Group $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$ on the Spaces $\mathbf{R}^3$ and $T^*\mathbf{R}^3$

The symmetry group  $T_d \subset O(3)$  of the tetrahedron is a group of point transformations of the physical 3-space, see fig. A.1. As an abstract group it is isomorphic to the permutation group of 4 elements. We assume that the coordinate functions  $(x, y, z)$  in the configuration space  $\mathbf{R}^3$  of (2.1) span a three dimensional *vector* representation of  $T_d$ , that is,  $T_d$  acts on  $(x, y, z)$  as on the coordinates in the physical 3-space. Let  $O$  be the origin  $(0, 0, 0) \in \mathbf{R}^3$ ,



**Fig. A.1** Symmetry axes and planes of a tetrahedron

and let  $Ox, Oy$  and  $Oz$  be the directed semi-axes of the coordinate system in  $\mathbf{R}^3$ . Consider also the 4 directed semi-axes  $Oa, Ob, Oc$  and  $Od$  in fig. A.1, where  $a = (1, 1, 1)$ ,  $b = (-1, -1, 1)$ ,  $c = (1, -1, -1)$  and  $d = (-1, 1, -1)$ . Any pair of semi-axes  $(O\alpha, O\beta)$  defines a 2-plane  $\alpha O \beta$  passing through  $O$ . Table A.1 gives explicit definition of some basic operations in  $T_d$  which we further explain below.

$S_4$  Operation  $S_4^x$  combines the counterclockwise rotation by  $2\pi/4 = \frac{1}{2}\pi$  about  $Ox$  and the reflection in the plane  $yOz \perp Ox$ . Similar operations  $S_4^y$  and  $S_4^z$  involve axes  $Oy$  and  $Oz$  respectively. The conjugacy class  $S_4$  in  $T_d$  also contains the elements  $(S_4^\alpha)^{-1}$ ,  $\alpha = x, y, z$ ; elements  $C_2^\alpha = (S_4^\alpha)^2$  form the conjugacy class  $C_2$ .

$C_3$  Operations  $C_3^a$ ,  $C_3^b$ ,  $C_3^c$  and  $C_3^d$  are counterclockwise rotations by  $2\pi/3$  about axes  $Oa$ ,  $Ob$ ,  $Oc$  and  $Od$  respectively. The conjugacy class  $C_3$  also includes  $(C_3^a)^2$ ,  $(C_3^b)^2$ ,  $(C_3^c)^2$  and  $(C_3^d)^2$ .

$C_s$  Reflection in each of the six planes  $\{aOb, cOd, aOd, bOc, aOc, bOd\}$ , which we denote as  $C_s^{ab}$ ,  $C_s^{cd}$ ,  $C_s^{ad}$ ,  $C_s^{bc}$ ,  $C_s^{ac}$  and  $C_s^{bd}$ , leaves the tetrahedron invariant. These operations form the conjugacy class  $C_s$ .

**Table A.1** The action of some elements of  $T_d$  on the representation spanned by  $x, y, z$ .

$R$	$Rx$	$Ry$	$Rz$	$R$	$Rx$	$Ry$	$Rz$	$R$	$Rx$	$Ry$	$Rz$
$S_4^x$	$-x$	$-z$	$y$	$C_3^a$	$z$	$x$	$y$	$C_s^{ab}$	$y$	$x$	$z$
$S_4^y$	$z$	$-y$	$-x$	$C_3^b$	$-z$	$x$	$-y$	$C_s^{cd}$	$-y$	$-x$	$z$
$S_4^z$	$-y$	$x$	$-z$	$C_3^c$	$-z$	$-x$	$y$	$C_s^{ad}$	$z$	$y$	$x$
				$C_3^d$	$z$	$-x$	$-y$	$C_s^{bc}$	$-z$	$y$	$-x$
								$C_s^{ac}$	$x$	$z$	$y$
								$C_s^{bd}$	$x$	$-z$	$-y$

The extension of the  $T_d$  action described above to the phase space  $T^*\mathbf{R}^3$  of (2.1) uses the following lemma.

**Lemma A.1.** *If the matrices  $M_q$  and  $M_p$  in  $GL(\mathbf{R}, 3)$  acting on the coordinates  $q = (x, y, z)$  and the conjugate momenta  $p = (p_x, p_y, p_z)$  respectively define a linear symplectic transformation in  $T^*\mathbf{R}^3$ , then  $M_p = (M_q^{-1})^T$ .*

It follows that  $M_q = M_p$  for  $M_q \in T_d \subset O(3)$ , that is,  $(x, y, z)$  and  $(p_x, p_y, p_z)$  transform according to the *same* representation of  $T_d$ . The action of the full symmetry group  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  on  $T^*\mathbf{R}^3$  is obtained by combining the action of  $T_d$  and the momentum reversal  $T : (q, p) \rightarrow (q, -p)$ .

## A.2 Fixed Points of the Action of $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$ on $\mathbf{CP}^2$

The projection of the  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  action on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  has been discussed in detail in [110, 134] and [47, 48]. We give only the information that is useful for our study. The action of  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  on the invariants (2.5) can be found straightforwardly using the action of  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  on  $T^*\mathbf{R}^3$ . Table A.2 gives the results. Zhilinskiĭ described the critical orbits of the  $T_d$  action on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  in [134]. The action of the

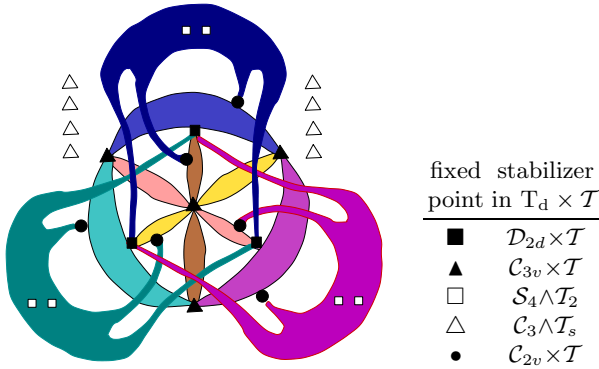
**Table A.2** Action of some elements of  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$ 

	$R$	$R\nu_1$	$R\nu_2$	$R\nu_3$	$R\sigma_1$	$R\sigma_2$	$R\sigma_3$	$R\tau_1$	$R\tau_2$	$R\tau_3$
$C_2^x$	$\nu_1$	$\nu_2$	$\nu_3$	$\sigma_1$	$-\sigma_2$	$-\sigma_3$	$\tau_1$	$-\tau_2$	$-\tau_3$	
$S_4^x$	$\nu_1$	$\nu_3$	$\nu_2$	$-\sigma_1$	$-\sigma_3$	$\sigma_2$	$\tau_1$	$\tau_3$	$-\tau_2$	
$C_3^a$	$\nu_3$	$\nu_1$	$\nu_2$	$\sigma_3$	$\sigma_1$	$\sigma_2$	$\tau_3$	$\tau_1$	$\tau_2$	
$C_s^{ab}$	$\nu_2$	$\nu_1$	$\nu_3$	$\sigma_2$	$\sigma_1$	$\sigma_3$	$-\tau_2$	$-\tau_1$	$-\tau_3$	
$T$	$\nu_1$	$\nu_2$	$\nu_3$	$\sigma_1$	$\sigma_2$	$\sigma_3$	$-\tau_1$	$-\tau_2$	$-\tau_3$	

full group  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  has the same 5 critical orbits [47,48] which we characterize in tables 2.1 and A.3. Observe that points of types  $A$  and  $B$  transform differently with respect to  $T$ :  $A_4$ ,  $A_3$ , and  $A_2$  are  $T$ -invariant, while  $B_4$  and  $B_3$  are not, because  $T$  maps each  $B$ -type point to another, for example  $B_4^z \rightarrow B_4^{\bar{z}}$ .

### A.3 Subspaces of $\mathbf{CP}^2$ Invariant Under the Action of $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$

The action of  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  has a number of invariant subspaces  $M$  of topology  $\mathbf{RP}^2$ ,  $\mathbf{CP}^1 \sim \mathbf{S}^2$ , and  $\mathbf{S}^1$  [48]. The points of  $M$  are non-isolated fixed points of the action of the stabilizer  $G_M \subset T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  of  $M$ . The invariant manifolds of points with stabilizers  $\mathcal{C}_2$  and  $\mathcal{C}_s$  are 2-spheres  $\mathbf{S}^2$  which are symplectic. Moreover these spheres remain invariant under the flow of any  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$ -invariant Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}$ . According to [134], the 27 critical points and the spheres intersect in  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  as shown in fig. A.2. We discuss these spheres in more detail.



**Fig. A.2** Orbits of the  $T_d$  and  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  group action on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  according to [134]. Colored areas represent the three  $\mathcal{C}_2$ -invariant and the six  $\mathcal{C}_s$ -invariant spheres.

Consider specifically the action of  $\mathcal{C}_2^x \subset T_d$  on  $\mathbf{CP}^2(n)$ . Using table A.2 we find that fixed points of this action are of the form  $(\nu_1, \nu_2, \nu_3; \sigma_1, 0, 0; \tau_1, 0, 0)$ .

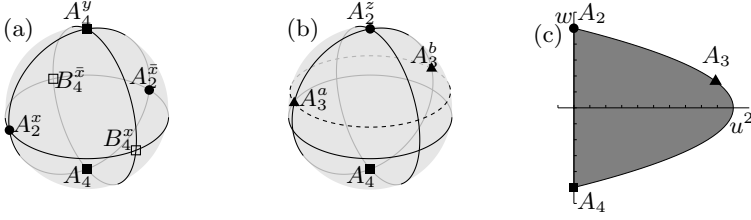
**Table A.3** Critical points of the  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  action on  $\mathbf{CP}_n^2$ . In the second column  $\mathcal{T}_2 = \{1, C_2 T\}$  and  $\mathcal{T}_s = \{1, C_s T\}$ .

Point	Isotropy
$A_4^x$	$D_{2d}^x \times \mathcal{T} \{1, S_4^x, C_2^x, (S_4^x)^{-1}, C_2^y, C_2^z, C_s^{ac}, C_s^{bd}\} \times \mathcal{T}$
$A_4^y$	$D_{2d}^y \times \mathcal{T} \{1, S_4^y, C_2^y, (S_4^y)^{-1}, C_2^x, C_2^z, C_s^{ad}, C_s^{bc}\} \times \mathcal{T}$
$A_4^z$	$D_{2d}^z \times \mathcal{T} \{1, S_4^z, C_2^z, (S_4^z)^{-1}, C_2^x, C_2^y, C_s^{ab}, C_s^{cd}\} \times \mathcal{T}$
$A_3^a$	$C_{3v}^a \times \mathcal{T} \{1, C_3^a, (C_3^a)^2, C_s^{ab}, C_s^{ac}, C_s^{ad}\} \times \mathcal{T}$
$A_3^b$	$C_{3v}^b \times \mathcal{T} \{1, C_3^b, (C_3^b)^2, C_s^{ab}, C_s^{bc}, C_s^{bd}\} \times \mathcal{T}$
$A_3^c$	$C_{3v}^c \times \mathcal{T} \{1, C_3^c, (C_3^c)^2, C_s^{ac}, C_s^{bc}, C_s^{cd}\} \times \mathcal{T}$
$A_3^d$	$C_{3v}^d \times \mathcal{T} \{1, C_3^d, (C_3^d)^2, C_s^{ad}, C_s^{bd}, C_s^{cd}\} \times \mathcal{T}$
$A_2^x$	$C_{2v}^x \times \mathcal{T} \{1, C_2^x, C_s^{ac}, C_s^{bd}\} \times \mathcal{T}$
$A_2^y$	$C_{2v}^y \times \mathcal{T} \{1, C_2^y, C_s^{ac}, C_s^{bd}\} \times \mathcal{T}$
$A_2^y$	$C_{2v}^y \times \mathcal{T} \{1, C_2^y, C_s^{ad}, C_s^{bc}\} \times \mathcal{T}$
$A_2^y$	$C_{2v}^y \times \mathcal{T} \{1, C_2^y, C_s^{ad}, C_s^{bc}\} \times \mathcal{T}$
$A_2^z$	$C_{2v}^z \times \mathcal{T} \{1, C_2^z, C_s^{ab}, C_s^{cd}\} \times \mathcal{T}$
$A_2^z$	$C_{2v}^z \times \mathcal{T} \{1, C_2^z, C_s^{ab}, C_s^{cd}\} \times \mathcal{T}$
$B_4^x$	$S_4^x \wedge \mathcal{T}_2^y \{1, S_4^x, C_2^x, (S_4^x)^{-1}, C_2^y T, C_2^z T, C_s^{ac} T, C_s^{bd} T\}$
$B_4^x$	$S_4^x \wedge \mathcal{T}_2^y \{1, S_4^x, C_2^x, (S_4^x)^{-1}, C_2^y T, C_2^z T, C_s^{ac} T, C_s^{bd} T\}$
$B_4^y$	$S_4^y \wedge \mathcal{T}_2^z \{1, S_4^y, C_2^y, (S_4^y)^{-1}, C_2^x T, C_2^z T, C_s^{ad} T, C_s^{bc} T\}$
$B_4^y$	$S_4^y \wedge \mathcal{T}_2^z \{1, S_4^y, C_2^y, (S_4^y)^{-1}, C_2^x T, C_2^z T, C_s^{ad} T, C_s^{bc} T\}$
$B_4^z$	$S_4^z \wedge \mathcal{T}_2^x \{1, S_4^z, C_2^z, (S_4^z)^{-1}, C_2^x T, C_2^y T, C_s^{ab} T, C_s^{cd} T\}$
$B_4^z$	$S_4^z \wedge \mathcal{T}_2^x \{1, S_4^z, C_2^z, (S_4^z)^{-1}, C_2^x T, C_2^y T, C_s^{ab} T, C_s^{cd} T\}$
$B_3^a$	$C_3^a \wedge \mathcal{T}_s^{ab} \{1, C_3^a, (C_3^a)^2, C_s^{ab} T, C_s^{ac} T, C_s^{ad} T\}$
$B_3^a$	$C_3^a \wedge \mathcal{T}_s^{ab} \{1, C_3^a, (C_3^a)^2, C_s^{ab} T, C_s^{ac} T, C_s^{ad} T\}$
$B_3^b$	$C_3^b \wedge \mathcal{T}_s^{ab} \{1, C_3^b, (C_3^b)^2, C_s^{ab} T, C_s^{bc} T, C_s^{bd} T\}$
$B_3^b$	$C_3^b \wedge \mathcal{T}_s^{ab} \{1, C_3^b, (C_3^b)^2, C_s^{ab} T, C_s^{bc} T, C_s^{bd} T\}$
$B_3^c$	$C_3^c \wedge \mathcal{T}_s^{cd} \{1, C_3^c, (C_3^c)^2, C_s^{ac} T, C_s^{bc} T, C_s^{cd} T\}$
$B_3^c$	$C_3^c \wedge \mathcal{T}_s^{cd} \{1, C_3^c, (C_3^c)^2, C_s^{ac} T, C_s^{bc} T, C_s^{cd} T\}$
$B_3^d$	$C_3^d \wedge \mathcal{T}_s^{cd} \{1, C_3^d, (C_3^d)^2, C_s^{ad} T, C_s^{bd} T, C_s^{cd} T\}$
$B_3^d$	$C_3^d \wedge \mathcal{T}_s^{cd} \{1, C_3^d, (C_3^d)^2, C_s^{ad} T, C_s^{bd} T, C_s^{cd} T\}$

Taking the relations (2.6) into account we find that the subset of  $\mathbf{CP}^2(n)$  with stabilizer  $\mathcal{C}_2^x$  is the disjoint union of  $A_2^x$  and the  $\mathbf{S}^2$  sphere  $(0, \nu_2, n - \nu_2; \sigma_1, 0, 0; \tau_1, 0, 0)$  with  $\sigma_1^2 + \tau_1^2 + (2\nu_2 - n)^2 = n^2$ . In the coordinates  $u = \sigma_1 n^{-1}$ ,  $v = \tau_1 n^{-1}$  and  $w = 2\nu_2 n^{-1} - 1$ , its equation is  $u^2 + v^2 + w^2 = 1$ . There are three  $\mathcal{C}_2$  spheres corresponding to the three axes  $C_2$ . On each sphere we find six critical points, two of type  $A_4$ , two of type  $A_2$  and two of type  $B_4$ . Specifically, on the  $\mathcal{C}_2^x$  sphere we find the points  $A_4^y$ ,  $A_4^z$ ,  $A_2^x$ ,  $A_2^{\bar{x}}$ ,  $B_4^x$ , and  $B_4^{\bar{x}}$  (fig. A.3a).

The same analysis for the action of  $\mathcal{C}_s^{ab} \subset T_d$  shows that the set of  $\mathbf{CP}^2(n)$  points fixed under this action is the disjoint union of  $A_2^{\bar{z}}$  and the  $\mathbf{S}^2$  sphere  $(\nu_1, \nu_1, n - 2\nu_1; \sigma_1, \sigma_1, 2\nu_1; \tau_1, -\tau_1, 0)$  with  $2\sigma_1^2 + 2\tau_1^2 + (4\nu_1 - n)^2 = n^2$  and





**Fig. A.3** The  $C_s^x$  invariant sphere (a) and the  $C_s^{ab}$  invariant sphere (b) in the ambient space  $\mathbf{R}^3$  with coordinates  $(u, v, w)$  adapted for each case (see text). Solid lines represent the intersections of the spheres with the planes  $\{u = 0\}$ ,  $\{v = 0\}$  and  $\{w = 0\}$ . In (b) the dashed line represents the intersection of the sphere with the plane  $\{w = 1/3\}$ . (c) Orbit space of the  $C_{2v} = \mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$  action on the  $C_s$  sphere which is used as a chart in fig. 2.3.

coordinates  $u = \sqrt{2}\sigma_1 n^{-1}$ ,  $v = \sqrt{2}\tau_1 n^{-1}$  and  $w = 4\nu_1 n^{-1} - 1$ . There are six such spheres, one for each  $C_s$  plane. On each  $C_s$  sphere we find four critical points, one of type  $A_2$ , one of type  $A_4$ , and two of type  $A_3$ . Specifically, on the  $C_s^{ab}$  sphere we find the points  $A_2^z$ ,  $A_4^z$ ,  $A_3^a$ , and  $A_3^b$  (fig. A.3b).

The action of the group  $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$  on each  $C_s$  sphere is reduced to the action of a  $C_{2v} = \mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_2$  group generated by the transformations  $u \rightarrow -u$  and  $v \rightarrow -v$ . The orbit space of this action is defined by the invariants  $U = u^2$ ,  $V = v^2$  and  $w$  subject to the relations  $U + V + w^2 = 1$ ,  $U > 0$  and  $V > 0$ . Because of the relation between the invariants we can use only two of them to describe the orbit space. We choose  $U$  and  $w$ . The orbit space is depicted in fig. A.3(c).

## A.4 Action of $T_d \times \mathcal{T}$ on the Projections of Nonlinear Normal Modes in the Configuration Space $\mathbf{R}^3$

Like in the 2D Hénon-Heiles system, it is quite convenient to represent the nonlinear normal modes of the 3D system with Hamiltonian (2.1) by their projections in the configuration space  $\mathbf{R}_{x,y,z}^3$  shown in fig. 2.1. The qualitative “shape” of each projection can be derived from the symmetry properties (isotropy group) of the mode using a set of simple principles which we formulate below as lemmas.

**Lemma A.2.** *Projections  $\Gamma \subset \mathbf{R}_{x,y,z}^3$  of periodic orbits of the system with Hamiltonian  $H$  in (2.1) can be of two types: (i) closed curves; (ii) curved line segments (degenerate closed curves).*

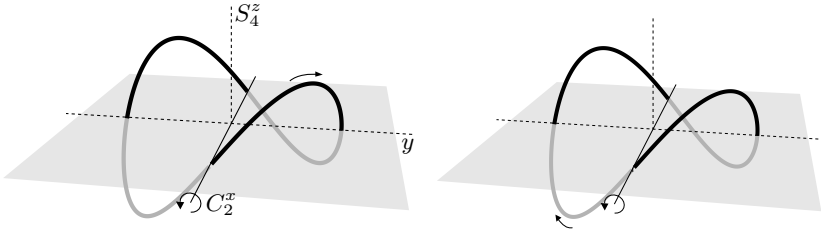
**Lemma A.3.** *The action of an element  $g \in T_d$  on the projection  $\Gamma$  is found straightforwardly from the action of  $g$  on each point  $m \in \Gamma \subset \mathbf{R}^3$ .*

**Lemma A.4.** *In order to study the action of the time reversal operation  $T$  on the closed curve projections  $\Gamma$ , we should consider the latter as directed closed curves, or loops. The two periodic orbits which project into the same*

closed curve  $\Gamma$  correspond to two loops  $\Gamma_+$  and  $\Gamma_-$  with different directions. The  $T$  operation changes direction, i.e.,  $T : \Gamma_+ \leftrightarrow \Gamma_-$ . A segment projection represents one  $T$ -invariant periodic orbit.

**Lemma A.5.** *Let  $\Gamma$  be an image of a periodic orbit defined according to lemma A.4, and  $G \subset T_d \times T$  be its isotropy group. Then each operation  $g \in G$  maps  $\Gamma$  into itself as a whole, but points  $m \in \Gamma$  are not necessarily fixed points of  $g$ . On the other hand, if  $g \notin G$  (but  $g \in T_d \times T$ ) then  $g$  defines a 1:1 map  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma'$  where  $\Gamma'$  is an image of another periodic orbit in the same group orbit.*

It follows from lemma A.4 that the  $T$ -invariant modes  $A_4$ ,  $A_3$ , and  $A_2$  project into segments (degenerate loops). Furthermore, the action of the  $D_{2d}$  stabilizers on  $\mathbf{R}^3$  is such that the  $A_4$  modes must project onto the symmetry axes ( $Ox, Oy, Oz$ ), e.g.,  $A_4^z$  is represented by a segment of axis  $Oz$  (see figs. 2.1 and A.1). Similarly, the  $A_3$  modes project onto the  $C_3$  axes ( $Oa, Ob, Oc, Od$ ). The spatial isotropy group of the  $A_2$  modes is the group  $C_{2v}$ , whose  $C_2$  axis is one of the ( $Ox, Oy, Oz$ ). These modes project into curved line segments lying in the symmetry planes of the  $C_{2v}$  group. For example, the images of the periodic orbits  $A_2^z$  and  $A_2^{\bar{z}}$  lie in the planes  $aOb$  (the plane  $x = y$ ) and  $cOd$  (the plane  $x = -y$ ) respectively near the intersections of these planes with the horizontal plane  $xOy$ . The images do not intersect:  $A_2^z$  passes above the  $xOy$  plane while  $A_2^{\bar{z}}$  lies below it, see fig. 2.1.



**Fig. A.4** Two  $B_4^z$  nonlinear normal modes related by the  $T$  and  $C_2$  operations. Compared to fig. 2.1 the  $z$  axis (vertical) scale is zoomed.

On the other hand, the modes  $B_3$  and  $B_4$  are not  $T$ -invariant. They project into closed curves in fig. 2.1. According to lemma A.4, each such closed curve accommodates two orbits. As an instructive example, consider the two  $B_4^z$  modes in fig. A.4. In accordance with the spatial symmetry of these orbits  $S_4^z$ , their projection resembles a wobbled square whose two pairs of opposing smoothed vertices are lifted and lowered out of the plane  $xOy$ . It is easy to see from fig. A.4 that both operations  $C_2^x$  and  $T$  preserve this projection geometrically but change the direction of the mode, so that  $B_{4+}^z \leftrightarrow B_{4-}^z$ . At the same time, the modes are invariant with regard to the combination  $T_2 = C_2 \circ T$  where  $C_2 = C_2^x$  or  $C_2^y$ .

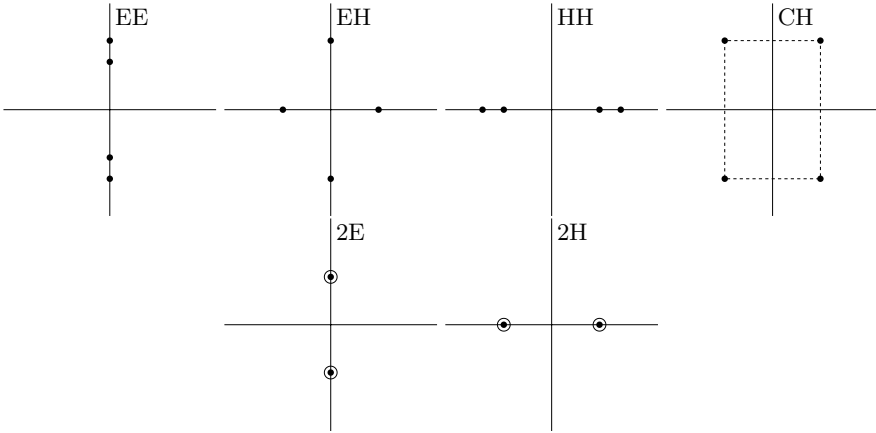
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## Local Properties of Equilibria

### B.1 Stability of Equilibria

In order to determine the possible types of linear stability of the fixed points of the action of  $\mathcal{C}_k$  on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  under the flow of the reduced  $\mathcal{C}_k$ -invariant Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}_\epsilon$ , we need to compute the eigenvalues of the corresponding linearized vector field (the frequencies) at the fixed point. If one of the frequencies is  $\lambda \in \mathbf{C}$ , then  $-\lambda$ ,  $\bar{\lambda}$  and  $-\bar{\lambda}$  are also frequencies. Therefore there are generically four types of linear stability depending on the arrangement of the frequencies on the complex plane (see fig. B.1).



**Fig. B.1** Types of linear stability for an equilibrium of a 2 degree of freedom Hamiltonian. Starting at the upper left EE, EH, HH, CH, 2E, 2H.

- a. Elliptic-elliptic (EE) when all the frequencies are on the imaginary axis.
- b. Elliptic-hyperbolic (EH) when two of the frequencies are real and two are imaginary.
- c. Hyperbolic-hyperbolic (HH) when all frequencies are real.
- d. Complex hyperbolic (CH) when  $\lambda$  is neither real nor imaginary and the frequencies form a quadruplet  $\lambda, -\lambda, \bar{\lambda}, -\bar{\lambda}$ .

There are also other nongeneric cases in the space of all possible quadratic Hamiltonians. We are interested mainly in the following two cases:

- e. Two pairs of equal frequencies on the imaginary axis  $\pm i\lambda$  (twice) with  $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$ . We denote this case by 2E and we call it *degenerate elliptic*.
- f. Two pairs of equal frequencies on the real axis  $\pm\lambda$  (twice) with  $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$ . We denote this case by 2H and we call it *degenerate hyperbolic*.

As we will see later, some of these nongeneric cases become generic in the presence of particular symmetries.

## B.2 Morse Inequalities and the Euler Characteristic

A function  $f$  defined on a manifold  $M$  is called a Morse function if all its stationary points  $m \in M$  are nondegenerate, i.e., the determinant of the Hessian at  $m$  is not zero,  $\det \partial^2 f(m) \neq 0$ . The *Morse index*  $j$  of a nondegenerate stationary point  $m$  of  $f$  is defined as the number of negative eigenvalues of  $\partial^2 f(m)$ . Stationary points of a Morse function  $f$  must obey certain relations, called *Morse inequalities*, that are expressed in terms of the *Betti numbers*. The  $\dim M + 1$  Betti numbers  $b_j$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, \dim M$ , are nonnegative integers that depend only on topological properties of  $M$ . These numbers and the *Euler characteristic*  $B_{\dim M} = \sum_{j=0}^{\dim M} (-1)^j b_j$  for the spaces encountered in our work are given below.

manifold $M$	$\dim M$	Betti numbers	$B_{\dim M}$
$\mathbf{CP}^2$	4	$b_0 = 1, b_1 = 0, b_2 = 1, b_3 = 0, b_4 = 1$	3
$\mathbf{CP}^1 \sim \mathbf{S}^2$	2	$b_0 = 1, b_1 = 0, b_2 = 1$	2
$\mathbf{S}^1$	1	$b_0 = 1, b_1 = 1$	0

If  $c_j$  is the number of stationary points of  $f$  with Morse index  $j$ , and

$$C_j = c_j - C_{j-1} \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, \dim M, \text{ and } C_0 = c_0,$$

$$B_j = b_j - B_{j-1} \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, \dim M, \text{ and } B_0 = b_0,$$

then the Morse inequalities are

$$C_j \geq B_j \text{ for } j = 0, \dots, n-1, \text{ and } C_{\dim M} = B_{\dim M}. \quad (\text{B.1})$$

Specifically, in the case of  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  the inequalities (B.1) become

$$\begin{aligned} c_0 &\geq 1, & c_1 - c_0 &\geq -1, & c_2 - c_1 + c_0 &\geq 2, \\ c_3 - c_2 + c_1 - c_0 &\geq -2, & c_4 - c_3 + c_2 - c_1 + c_0 &= 3. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.2})$$

*Remark B.1.* The minimal number of stationary points of a Morse function  $h$  on  $\mathbf{CP}^2$  in the absence of symmetries is three. When  $h$  has just three stationary points, Morse inequalities (B.2) become equalities and  $h$  is called a *perfect* Morse function.

In a 1-DOF system the correspondence between the two stability types and the Morse index is simple: a stable point can be of index 0 or 2, while an unstable point has Morse index 1.

**Lemma B.2.** *In 2-DOF Hamiltonian systems we have the following relation of possible linear stability types and Morse indices.*

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Morse index } 0 \text{ or } 4 \quad 1 \text{ or } 3 \quad 2 \\ \text{Stability type } EE \quad EH \quad EE, HH, CH \end{array}$$

**Proof.** Consider normal forms of quadratic Hamiltonians for 2-DOF systems [129] and compute possible Morse indices for each one of them.  $\square$

### B.3 Linearization Near Equilibria on $\mathbf{CP}^2$

We explain how to compute linearized equations of motion in a local symplectic chart  $T^*\mathbf{R}^2(\xi)$  at the stationary point  $\xi \in \mathbf{CP}^2(n)$  in order to determine linear stability of  $\xi$ . Note that even though different local charts can be chosen, the linear stability type of  $\xi$  or the Morse index of  $\xi$  do not depend on the choice of coordinates.

We denote invariants in (2.5) as  $\pi_j$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, 9$ , and use four of these invariants as coordinates  $\alpha_k$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, 4$ , in  $T^*\mathbf{R}^2(\xi)$ . If  $\alpha$ 's are chosen correctly then it should be possible to express the remaining five invariants  $\beta_l$ ,  $l = 1, \dots, 5$  near  $\xi$  in terms of  $\alpha$ 's and  $n$  using relations  $\Sigma_i$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, 9$  in (2.6). We assure this requirement by means of the implicit function theorem. We take the  $9 \times 10$  Jacobian matrix  $\partial \Sigma_i / \partial \pi_j$  evaluated at  $\xi$ , where  $i = 0, \dots, 9$  and  $j = 1, \dots, 9$ , and select 5 rows and 5 columns of this matrix so that the determinant of the resulting  $5 \times 5$  submatrix is non-zero. Invariants  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_5$  correspond to the selected columns, and relations  $\tilde{\Sigma}_m(\beta; \alpha, n)$ ,  $m = 1, \dots, 5$ , correspond to the selected rows; note that  $\Sigma_0 \in \{\tilde{\Sigma}\}$ . We can now solve the relations  $\{\tilde{\Sigma}_m\}$  for  $\beta_l$  in terms of  $\alpha_k$  and  $n$ . If the choice of  $\{\beta\}$  and  $\{\tilde{\Sigma}\}$  is not unique, we aim at such choice that yields the simplest possible expressions  $\beta_l(\alpha, n)$ .

In order to study the system near  $\xi$ , we introduce the displacements  $\delta \alpha_k$  of  $\alpha_k$  from their values  $\alpha_k(\xi)$ , i.e.,  $\delta \alpha_k = \alpha_k - \alpha_k(\xi)$ . The local coordinates  $\delta \alpha = (\delta \alpha_1, \dots, \delta \alpha_4)$  are not necessarily canonical coordinates in  $T^*\mathbf{R}^2(\xi)$ . However, it is always possible to find such linear transformation

$$(\chi, \psi) = (\chi_1, \chi_2, \psi_1, \psi_2) = B \cdot \delta\alpha$$

that the variables  $(\chi, \psi)$  are canonical at  $(\chi, \psi) = 0$ . The Poisson brackets of these variables evaluated near  $(\chi, \psi) = 0$  are  $\{\chi_1, \chi_2\} = \{\psi_1, \psi_2\} = \{\chi_1, \psi_2\} = \{\chi_2, \psi_1\} = \mathcal{O}(\chi, \psi)$  and  $\{\chi_1, \psi_1\} = \{\chi_2, \psi_2\} = 1 + \mathcal{O}(\chi, \psi)$ .

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