

A Nekhoroshev type theorem for the nonlinear Schrödinger equation on the torus

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Abstract

We prove a Nekhoroshev type theorem for the nonlinear Schrödinger equation

$$iu_t = -\Delta u + V \star u + \partial_{\bar{u}} g(u, \bar{u}), \quad x \in \mathbb{T}^d,$$

where V is a typical smooth Fourier multiplier and g is analytic in both variables. More precisely we prove that if the initial datum is analytic in a strip of width $\rho > 0$ whose norm on this strip is equal to ε then, if ε is small enough, the solution of the nonlinear Schrödinger equation above remains analytic in a strip of width $\rho/2$, with norm bounded on this strip by $C\varepsilon$ over a very long time interval of order $\varepsilon^{-\sigma|\ln \varepsilon|^\beta}$, where $0 < \beta < 1$ is arbitrary and $C > 0$ and $\sigma > 0$ are positive constants depending on β and ρ .

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1 Introduction and statements

We consider the nonlinear Schrödinger equation

$$iu_t = -\Delta u + V \star u + \partial_{\bar{u}} g(u, \bar{u}), \quad x \in \mathbb{T}^d, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (1.1)$$

where V is a smooth convolution potential and g is an analytic function on a neighborhood of the origin in \mathbb{C}^2 which has a zero of order at least 3 at the origin and satisfies $g(z, \bar{z}) \in \mathbb{R}$. In more standard models, the convolution term is replaced by a multiplicative potential. The use of a convolution potential makes easier the analysis of the resonances.

For instance when $g(u, \bar{u}) = \frac{a}{p+1}|u|^{2p+2}$ with $a \in \mathbb{R}$ and $p \in \mathbb{N}$, we recover the standard NLS equation $iu_t = -\Delta u + V \star u + a|u|^{2p}u$. Equation (1.1) is a Hamiltonian system associated with the Hamiltonian function

$$H(u, \bar{u}) = \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} (|\nabla u|^2 + (V \star u)\bar{u} + g(u, \bar{u})) \, dx$$

and the complex symplectic structure $idu \wedge d\bar{u}$.

This equation has been considered with Hamiltonian tools in two recent papers. In the first one (see [BG03] and also [BG06] and [Bou96] for related results) Bambusi & Grébert prove a Birkhoff normal form theorem adapted to this equation and obtain dynamical consequences on the long time behavior of the solutions with small initial Cauchy data in Sobolev spaces. More precisely they prove that, for s sufficiently large, if the Sobolev norm of index s of the initial datum u_0 is sufficiently small (of order ε) then the Sobolev norm of index s of the solution is bounded by 2ε during very long time (of order ε^{-r} with r arbitrary). In the second one (see [EK]) Eliasson & Kuksin obtain a KAM theorem adapted to this equation. In particular they prove that, in a neighborhood of $u = 0$, many finite dimensional invariant tori associated with the linear part of the equation are preserved by small Hamiltonian perturbations. In other words, (1.1) has many quasi-periodic solutions. In both cases nonresonance conditions have to be imposed on the frequencies of the linear part and thus on the potential V (there are not exactly the same in the two different cases).

Both results are related to the stability of the zero solution, which is an elliptic equilibrium of the linear equation. The first result establishes the stability for polynomials times with respect to the size of the (small) initial datum while the second proves the stability for all time

of certain solutions. In the present work we extend the technique of normal forms establishing the stability of the solutions for times of order $\varepsilon^{-\sigma|\ln \varepsilon|^\beta}$ for some constants $\sigma > 0$ and $\beta < 1$, ε being the size of the initial datum in an analytic space.

We now state our result more precisely. We assume that V belongs to the following space ($m > d/2$, $R > 0$)

$$\mathcal{W}_m = \{V(x) = \sum_{a \in \mathbb{Z}^d} w_a e^{ia \cdot x} \mid v_a := w_a(1 + |a|)^m / R \in [-1/2, 1/2] \text{ for any } a \in \mathbb{Z}^d\}, \quad (1.2)$$

that we endow with the product probability measure. Here, for $a = (a_1, \dots, a_d) \in \mathbb{Z}^d$, we set $|a|^2 = a_1^2 + \dots + a_d^2$.

For $\rho > 0$, we denote by $\mathcal{A}_\rho \equiv \mathcal{A}_\rho(\mathbb{T}^d; \mathbb{C})$ the space of functions ϕ that are analytic on the complex neighborhood of d -dimensional torus \mathbb{T}^d given by $I_\rho = \{x + iy \mid x \in \mathbb{T}^d, y \in \mathbb{R}^d \text{ and } |y| < \rho\}$ and continuous on the closure of this strip. We then denote by $|\cdot|_\rho$ the usual norm on \mathcal{A}_ρ

$$|\phi|_\rho = \sup_{z \in I_\rho} |\phi(z)|.$$

We note that $(\mathcal{A}_\rho, |\cdot|_\rho)$ is a Banach space.

Our main result is a Nekhoroshev type theorem:

Theorem 1.1 *There exists a subset $\mathcal{V} \subset \mathcal{W}_m$ of full measure, such that for $V \in \mathcal{V}$, $\beta < 1$ and $\rho > 0$, the following holds: there exist $C > 0$ and $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that if*

$$u_0 \in \mathcal{A}_{2\rho} \quad \text{and} \quad |u_0|_{2\rho} = \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0,$$

then the solution of (1.1) with initial datum u_0 exists in $\mathcal{A}_{\rho/2}$ for times $|t| \leq \varepsilon^{-\sigma_\rho |\ln \varepsilon|^\beta}$ and satisfies

$$|u(t)|_{\rho/2} \leq C\varepsilon \quad \text{for} \quad |t| \leq \varepsilon^{-\sigma_\rho |\ln \varepsilon|^\beta}, \quad (1.3)$$

with $\sigma_\rho = \min\{\frac{1}{10}, \frac{\rho}{2}\}$.

Furthermore, writing $u(t) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \xi_k(t) e^{ik \cdot x}$, we have

$$\sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^d} e^{\rho|k|} \left| |\xi_k(t)| - |\xi_k(0)| \right| \leq \varepsilon^{3/2} \quad \text{for} \quad |t| \leq \varepsilon^{-\sigma_\rho |\ln \varepsilon|^\beta}. \quad (1.4)$$

Estimate (1.4) asserts that there is almost no variation of the actions¹.

In finite dimension n , the standard Nekhoroshev result [Nek77] controls the dynamic over times of order $\exp\left(\frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon^{1/(\tau+1)}}\right)$ for some $\sigma > 0$ and $\tau > n + 1$ (see for instance [BGG85, GG85, Pös93]) which is of course much better than $\varepsilon^{-\sigma|\ln \varepsilon|^\beta} = e^{\sigma|\ln \varepsilon|^{(1+\beta)}}$. Nevertheless this standard result does not extend to the infinite dimensional context. Actually, that the term $\varepsilon^{-1/(\tau+1)}$ in the exponential validity time can be replaced by $|\ln \varepsilon|^{(1+\beta)}$ at the limit $n \rightarrow \infty$, is a good news!

To our knowledge, the only previous works in the direction of obtaining Nekhoroshev estimates for PDEs were obtained by Bambusi in [Bam99a] and [Bam99b]. However the result

¹Here the actions are the square of the modulus of the Fourier coefficients, $I_k = |\xi_k|^2$.

in [Bam99a], which develops ideas expressed by Bourgain in [Bou96], concerns a smaller set of functions made of entire analytic functions only, and nevertheless yields a weaker control on a large but finite number of modes.

The five main differences with the previous works on normal forms are:

- In the finite dimensional case and in Bambusi's work, the central argument consists in optimizing the order of the Birkhoff normal form with respect to the size of the initial datum. Here we introduce a Fourier truncation and we optimize the order of the Birkhoff normal form *and* the order of the truncation.
- We prove in the appendix that, generically with respect to V , the spectrum of $-\Delta + V_\star$ satisfies a non resonance condition much more efficient than the standard one (see Remark 2.7).
- We use ℓ^1 -type norms to control the Fourier coefficients and the vector fields instead of the usual ℓ^2 -type norms. Of course this choice does not allow to work in Hilbert spaces and induces a slight lost of regularity each time the estimates are transposed from the Fourier space to the initial space of analytic functions. But it turns out that this choice simplifies the estimates on the vector fields (cf. Proposition 2.5 below and [FG10] for a similar framework in the context of numerical analysis).
- We use the zero momentum condition: in the Fourier space, the nonlinear term contains only monomials $z_{j_1} \cdots z_{j_k}$ with $j_1 + \cdots + j_k = 0$ (cf. Definition 2.4). This property allows to control the largest index by the others.
- We notice that the Hamiltonian vector field of a monomial, $z_{j_1} \cdots z_{j_k}$ containing at least three Fourier modes z_ℓ with large indices ℓ induces a flow whose dynamics is controlled during very long time in the sense that the dynamic almost excludes exchanges between high Fourier modes and low Fourier modes (see Proposition 2.11). In [Bam03] or [BG06], such terms were neglected since the vector field of a monomial containing at least three Fourier modes with large indices is small in *Sobolev norm* (but not in analytic norm) and thus will almost keep invariant all the modes. This more subtle analysis was also used in [FGP10].

Finally we comment that our method could be generalized by considering not only zero momentum monomials but also monomials with finite or exponentially decreasing momentum. This would certainly allow to consider a nonlinear Schrödinger equation with a multiplicative potential V and nonlinearities depending periodically on x :

$$iu_t = -\Delta u + Vu + \partial_{\bar{u}}g(x, u, \bar{u}), \quad x \in \mathbb{T}^d.$$

Nevertheless this generalization would generate a lot of technicalities and we prefer to focus in the present article on the simplicity of the arguments.

2 Setting and Hypothesis

2.1 Hamiltonian formalism

The equation (1.1) is a semi linear PDE locally well posed in the Sobolev space $H^s(\mathbb{T}^d)$ with $s > d/2$ (see for instance [Caz03]). Let u be a (local) solution of (1.1) and consider $(\xi, \eta) = (\xi_a, \eta_a)_{a \in \mathbb{Z}^d}$ the Fourier coefficients of u, \bar{u} respectively, i.e.

$$u(x) = \sum_{a \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \xi_a e^{ia \cdot x} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{u}(x) = \sum_{a \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \eta_a e^{-ia \cdot x}. \quad (2.1)$$

A standard calculation shows that u is a solution in $H^s(\mathbb{T}^d)$ of (1.1) if and only if (ξ, η) is a solution in² $\ell_s^2 \times \ell_s^2$ of the system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\xi}_a &= -i\omega_a \xi_a - i \frac{\partial P}{\partial \eta_a}, & a \in \mathbb{Z}^d, \\ \dot{\eta}_a &= i\omega_a \eta_a - i \frac{\partial P}{\partial \xi_a}, & a \in \mathbb{Z}^d, \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

where the linear frequencies are given by $\omega_a = |a|^2 + v_a$. As in (1.2), the notation is that $V = \sum v_a e^{ia \cdot x}$. The nonlinear part is given by

$$P(\xi, \eta) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^d} \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} g\left(\sum \xi_a e^{ia \cdot x}, \sum \eta_a e^{-ia \cdot x}\right) dx. \quad (2.3)$$

This system is Hamiltonian when endowing the set of pairs $(\xi_a, \eta_a) \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{Z}^d} \times \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$ with the symplectic structure

$$i \sum_{a \in \mathbb{Z}^d} d\xi_a \wedge d\eta_a. \quad (2.4)$$

We define the set $\mathcal{Z} = \mathbb{Z}^d \times \{\pm 1\}$. For $j = (a, \delta) \in \mathcal{Z}$, we define $|j| = |a|$ and we denote by \bar{j} the index $(a, -\delta)$.

We identify a pair $(\xi, \eta) \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{Z}^d} \times \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$ with $(z_j)_{j \in \mathcal{Z}} \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathcal{Z}}$ via the formula

$$j = (a, \delta) \in \mathcal{Z} \implies \begin{cases} z_j &= \xi_a & \text{if } \delta = 1, \\ z_j &= \eta_a & \text{if } \delta = -1. \end{cases} \quad (2.5)$$

By a slight abuse of notation, we often write $z = (\xi, \eta)$ to denote such an element.

For a given $\rho > 0$, we consider the Banach space \mathcal{L}_ρ made of elements $z \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathcal{Z}}$ such that

$$\|z\|_\rho := \sum_{j \in \mathcal{Z}} e^{\rho|j|} |z_j| < \infty,$$

using the symplectic form (2.4). We say that $z \in \mathcal{L}_\rho$ is *real* when $z_{\bar{j}} = \overline{z_j}$ for any $j \in \mathcal{Z}$. In this case, we write $z = (\xi, \bar{\xi})$ for some $\xi \in \mathbb{C}^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$. In this situation, we can associate with z the function u defined by (2.1).

The next lemma shows the relation with the space \mathcal{A}_ρ defined above:

²As usual, $\ell_s^2 = \{(\xi_a)_{a \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \mid \sum (1 + |a|^{2s}) |\xi_a|^2 < +\infty\}$.

Lemma 2.1 *Let u be a complex valued function analytic on a neighborhood of \mathbb{T}^d , and let $(z_j)_{j \in \mathcal{Z}}$ be the sequence of its Fourier coefficients defined by (2.1) and (2.5). Then for all $\mu < \rho$, we have*

$$\text{if } u \in \mathcal{A}_\rho \text{ then } z \in \mathcal{L}_\mu \text{ and } \|z\|_\mu \leq c_{\rho,\mu} |u|_\rho; \quad (2.6)$$

$$\text{if } z \in \mathcal{L}_\rho \text{ then } u \in \mathcal{A}_\mu \text{ and } |u|_\mu \leq c_{\rho,\mu} \|z\|_\rho, \quad (2.7)$$

where $c_{\rho,\mu}$ is a constant depending on ρ and μ and the dimension d .

Proof. Assume that $u \in \mathcal{A}_\rho$. Then by using the Cauchy formula, we get for all $j \in \mathcal{Z}$, $|z_j| \leq |u|_\rho e^{-\rho|j|}$. Hence for $\mu < \rho$, we have

$$\|z\|_\mu \leq |u|_\rho \sum_{j \in \mathcal{Z}} e^{(\mu-\rho)|j|} \leq |u|_\rho \left(2 \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{\frac{(\mu-\rho)}{\sqrt{d}}|n|} \right)^d \leq \left(\frac{2}{1 - e^{-\frac{(\mu-\rho)}{\sqrt{d}}}} \right)^d |u|_\rho.$$

Conversely, assume that $z \in \mathcal{L}_\rho$. Then $|\xi_a| \leq \|z\|_\rho e^{-\rho|a|}$ for all $a \in \mathbb{Z}^d$, and thus by (2.1), we get for all $x \in \mathbb{T}^d$ and $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ with $|y| \leq \mu$,

$$|u(x + iy)| \leq \sum_{a \in \mathbb{Z}^d} |\xi_a| e^{|\alpha y|} \leq \|z\|_\rho \sum_{a \in \mathbb{Z}^d} e^{-(\rho-\mu)|a|} \leq \left(\frac{2}{1 - e^{-\frac{(\mu-\rho)}{\sqrt{d}}}} \right)^d \|z\|_\rho.$$

Hence u is bounded on the strip I_μ . ■

For a function F of $\mathcal{C}^1(\mathcal{L}_\rho, \mathbb{C})$, we define its Hamiltonian vector field by $X_F = J\nabla F$ where J is the symplectic operator on \mathcal{L}_ρ induced by the symplectic form (2.4), $\nabla F(z) = \left(\frac{\partial F}{\partial z_j} \right)_{j \in \mathcal{Z}}$ and where by definition we set for $j = (a, \delta) \in \mathbb{Z}^d \times \{\pm 1\}$,

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial z_j} = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial F}{\partial \xi_a} & \text{if } \delta = 1, \\ \frac{\partial F}{\partial \eta_a} & \text{if } \delta = -1. \end{cases}$$

For two functions F and G , the Poisson Bracket is (formally) defined as

$$\{F, G\} = \nabla F^T J \nabla G = i \sum_{a \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \frac{\partial F}{\partial \eta_a} \frac{\partial G}{\partial \xi_a} - \frac{\partial F}{\partial \xi_a} \frac{\partial G}{\partial \eta_a}. \quad (2.8)$$

We say that a Hamiltonian function H is *real* if $H(z)$ is real for all real z .

Definition 2.2 *For a given $\rho > 0$, we denote by \mathcal{H}_ρ the space of real Hamiltonians P satisfying*

$$P \in \mathcal{C}^1(\mathcal{L}_\rho, \mathbb{C}), \quad \text{and} \quad X_P \in \mathcal{C}^1(\mathcal{L}_\rho, \mathcal{L}_\rho).$$

For F and G in \mathcal{H}_ρ the formula (2.8) is well defined. With a given Hamiltonian function $H \in \mathcal{H}_\rho$, we associate the Hamiltonian system

$$\dot{z} = X_H(z) = J\nabla H(z)$$

which also reads

$$\dot{\xi}_a = -i \frac{\partial H}{\partial \eta_a} \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{\eta}_a = i \frac{\partial H}{\partial \xi_a}, \quad a \in \mathbb{Z}^d. \quad (2.9)$$

We define the local flow $\Phi_H^t(z)$ associated with the previous system (for an interval of times $t \geq 0$ depending a priori on the initial condition z). Note that if $z = (\xi, \bar{\xi})$ and if H is real, the flow $(\xi^t, \eta^t) = \Phi_H^t(z)$ is also real, $\xi^t = \bar{\eta}^t$ for all t . Choosing the Hamiltonian given by

$$H(\xi, \eta) = \sum_{a \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \omega_a \xi_a \eta_a + P(\xi, \eta),$$

P being given by (2.3), we recover the system (2.2), i.e. the expression of the NLS equation (1.1) in Fourier modes.

Remark 2.3 *The quadratic Hamiltonian $H_0 = \sum_{a \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \omega_a \xi_a \eta_a$ corresponding to the linear part of (1.1) does not belong to \mathcal{H}_ρ . Nevertheless it generates a flow which maps \mathcal{L}_ρ into \mathcal{L}_ρ explicitly given for all time t and for all indices a by $\xi_a(t) = e^{-i\omega_a t} \xi_a(0)$, $\eta_a(t) = e^{i\omega_a t} \eta_a(0)$. On the other hand, we will see that, in our setting, the nonlinearity P belongs to \mathcal{H}_ρ .*

2.2 Space of polynomials

In this subsection we define a class of polynomials on $\mathbb{C}^{\mathcal{Z}}$.

We first need more notations concerning multi-indices: let $\ell \geq 2$ and $\mathbf{j} = (j_1, \dots, j_\ell) \in \mathcal{Z}^\ell$ with $j_i = (a_i, \delta_i)$, we define

- the monomial associated with \mathbf{j} :

$$z_{\mathbf{j}} = z_{j_1} \cdots z_{j_\ell},$$

- the momentum of \mathbf{j} :

$$\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{j}) = a_1 \delta_1 + \cdots + a_\ell \delta_\ell, \quad (2.10)$$

- the divisor associated with \mathbf{j} :

$$\Omega(\mathbf{j}) = \delta_1 \omega_{a_1} + \cdots + \delta_\ell \omega_{a_\ell} \quad (2.11)$$

where, for $a \in \mathbb{Z}^d$, $\omega_a = |a|^2 + v_a$ are the frequencies of the linear part of (1.1).

We then define the set of indices with **zero momentum** by

$$\mathcal{I}_\ell = \{\mathbf{j} = (j_1, \dots, j_\ell) \in \mathcal{Z}^\ell, \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{j}) = 0\}. \quad (2.12)$$

On the other hand, we say that $\mathbf{j} = (j_1, \dots, j_\ell) \in \mathcal{Z}^\ell$ is **resonant**, and we write $\mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{N}_\ell$, if ℓ is even and $\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{i} \cup \bar{\mathbf{i}}$ for some choice of $\mathbf{i} \in \mathcal{Z}^{\ell/2}$. In particular, if \mathbf{j} is resonant then its associated divisor vanishes, $\Omega(\mathbf{j}) = 0$, and its associated monomials depends only on the actions:

$$z_{\mathbf{j}} = z_{j_1} \cdots z_{j_\ell} = \xi_{a_1} \eta_{a_1} \cdots \xi_{a_{\ell/2}} \eta_{a_{\ell/2}} = I_{a_1} \cdots I_{a_{\ell/2}},$$

where for all $a \in \mathbb{Z}^d$, $I_a(z) = \xi_a \eta_a$ denotes the action associated with the index a .

Finally we note that if z is real, then $I_a(z) = |\xi_a|^2$ and we remark that for odd r the resonant set \mathcal{N}_r is empty.

Definition 2.4 Let $k \geq 2$, a (formal) polynomial $P(z) = \sum a_j z_j$ belongs to \mathcal{P}_k if P is real, of degree k , has a zero of order at least 2 in $z = 0$, and if

- P contains only monomials having zero momentum, i.e. such that $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{j}) = 0$ when $a_j \neq 0$, and thus P reads

$$P(z) = \sum_{\ell=2}^k \sum_{\mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{I}_\ell} a_j z_j \quad (2.13)$$

with the relation $a_{\bar{j}} = \bar{a}_j$.

- The coefficients a_j are bounded, i.e. $\forall \ell = 2, \dots, k, \sup_{\mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{I}_\ell} |a_j| < +\infty$.

We endow \mathcal{P}_k with the norm

$$\|P\| = \sum_{\ell=2}^k \sup_{\mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{I}_\ell} |a_j|. \quad (2.14)$$

The zero momentum assumption in Definition 2.4 is crucial to obtain the following Proposition:

Proposition 2.5 Let $k \geq 2$ and $\rho > 0$. We have $\mathcal{P}_k \subset \mathcal{H}_\rho$, and for P a homogeneous polynomial of degree k in \mathcal{P}_k , we have the estimates

$$|P(z)| \leq \|P\| \|z\|_\rho^k \quad (2.15)$$

and

$$\forall z \in \mathcal{L}_\rho, \quad \|X_P(z)\|_\rho \leq 2k \|P\| \|z\|_\rho^{k-1}. \quad (2.16)$$

Furthermore for $P \in \mathcal{P}_k$ and $Q \in \mathcal{P}_\ell$, then $\{P, Q\} \in \mathcal{P}_{k+\ell-2}$ and we have the estimate

$$\|\{P, Q\}\| \leq 2k\ell \|P\| \|Q\|. \quad (2.17)$$

Proof. Let

$$P(z) = \sum_{\mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{I}_k} a_j z_j,$$

we have

$$|P(z)| \leq \|P\| \sum_{\mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{Z}^k} |z_{j_1}| \cdots |z_{j_k}| \leq \|P\| \|z\|_{\ell^1}^k \leq \|P\| \|z\|_\rho^k$$

and the first inequality (2.15) is proved.

To prove the second estimate, let $\ell \in \mathcal{Z}$, by using the zero momentum condition we get

$$\left| \frac{\partial P}{\partial z_\ell} \right| \leq k \|P\| \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{Z}^{k-1} \\ \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{j}) = -\mathcal{M}(\ell)}} |z_{j_1} \cdots z_{j_{k-1}}|.$$

Therefore

$$\|X_P(z)\|_\rho = \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{Z}} e^{\rho|\ell|} \left| \frac{\partial P}{\partial z_\ell} \right| \leq k \|P\| \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{Z}} \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{Z}^{k-1} \\ \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{j}) = -\mathcal{M}(\ell)}} e^{\rho|\ell|} |z_{j_1} \cdots z_{j_{k-1}}|.$$

But if $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{j}) = -\mathcal{M}(\ell)$, then

$$e^{\rho|\ell|} \leq \exp(\rho(|j_1| + \dots + |j_{k-1}|)) \leq \prod_{n=1, \dots, k-1} e^{\rho|j_n|}.$$

Hence, after summing in ℓ we get³

$$\|X_P(z)\|_\rho \leq 2k\|P\| \sum_{\mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{Z}^{k-1}} e^{\rho|j_1|}|z_{j_1}| \dots e^{\rho|j_{k-1}|}|z_{j_{k-1}}| \leq 2k\|P\| \|z\|_\rho^{k-1}$$

which yields (2.16).

Assume now that P and Q are homogeneous polynomials of degrees k and ℓ respectively and with coefficients $a_{\mathbf{k}}$, $\mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{I}_k$ and $b_{\boldsymbol{\ell}}$, $\boldsymbol{\ell} \in \mathcal{I}_\ell$. It is clear that $\{P, Q\}$ is a monomial of degree $k + \ell - 2$ satisfying the zero momentum condition. Furthermore writing

$$\{P, Q\}(z) = \sum_{\mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{I}_{k+\ell-2}} c_{\mathbf{j}} z_{\mathbf{j}},$$

where $c_{\mathbf{j}}$ is expressed as a sum of coefficients $a_{\mathbf{k}} b_{\boldsymbol{\ell}}$ for which there exists an $a \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ and $\epsilon \in \{\pm 1\}$ such that

$$(a, \epsilon) \subset \mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{I}_k \quad \text{and} \quad (a, -\epsilon) \subset \boldsymbol{\ell} \in \mathcal{I}_\ell,$$

and such that if for instance $(a, \epsilon) = k_1$ and $(a, -\epsilon) = \ell_1$, we necessarily have $(k_2, \dots, k_k, \ell_2, \dots, \ell_\ell) = \mathbf{j}$. Hence for a given \mathbf{j} , the zero momentum condition on \mathbf{k} and on $\boldsymbol{\ell}$ determines the value of ϵa which in turn determines two possible values of (ϵ, a) .

This proves (2.17) for monomials. The extension to polynomials follows from the definition of the norm (2.14).

The last assertion, as well as the fact that the Poisson bracket of two real Hamiltonian is real, immediately follow from the definitions. \blacksquare

2.3 Nonlinearity

We assume that the nonlinearity g is analytic in a neighborhood of the origin in \mathbb{C}^2 : There exist positive constants M and R_0 such that the Taylor expansion

$$g(v_1, v_2) = \sum_{k_1, k_2 \geq 0} \frac{1}{k_1! k_2!} \partial_{k_1} \partial_{k_2} g(0, 0) v_1^{k_1} v_2^{k_2}$$

is uniformly convergent and bounded by M on the ball $|v_1| + |v_2| \leq 2R_0$. Hence, formula (2.3) defines an analytic function P on the ball $\|z\|_\rho \leq R_0$ in \mathcal{L}_ρ and we have

$$P(z) = \sum_{k \geq 0} P_k(z),$$

where, for all $k \geq 0$, P_k is a homogeneous polynomial given by

$$P_k = \sum_{k_1 + k_2 = k} \sum_{(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \in (\mathbb{Z}^d)^{k_1} \times (\mathbb{Z}^d)^{k_2}} p_{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}} \xi_{a_1} \dots \xi_{a_{k_1}} \eta_{b_1} \dots \eta_{b_{k_2}},$$

³Take care that $\mathcal{M}(a, \delta) = \mathcal{M}(-a, -\delta)$ whence the coefficient 2.

with

$$p_{\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}} = \frac{1}{k_1! k_2!} \partial_{k_1} \partial_{k_2} g(0, 0) \int_{\mathbb{T}^d} e^{i\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \cdot x} dx,$$

and $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = a_1 + \dots + a_{k_1} - b_1 - \dots - b_{k_2}$ the moment of $\xi_{a_1} \dots \xi_{a_{k_1}} \eta_{b_1} \dots \eta_{b_{k_2}}$. Therefore it is clear that P_k satisfies the zero momentum condition and thus $P_k \in \mathcal{P}_k$ for all $k \geq 0$. Furthermore we have the estimate $\|P_k\| \leq MR_0^{-k}$ for all $k \geq 0$.

2.4 Nonresonance condition

In order to control the divisors (2.11), we need to impose a non resonance condition on the linear frequencies ω_a , $a \in \mathbb{Z}^d$.

For $r \geq 3$ and $\mathbf{j} = (j_1, \dots, j_r) \in \mathcal{Z}^r$, we define $\mu(\mathbf{j})$ as the third largest integer amongst $|j_1|, \dots, |j_r|$. We recall that the resonant set \mathcal{N}_r is the set of multi-indices $\mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{Z}^r$ such that $\mathbf{j} = \mathbf{i} \cup \bar{\mathbf{i}}$ for some $\mathbf{i} \in \mathcal{Z}^{r/2}$.

Hypothesis 2.6 *There exist $\gamma > 0$, $\nu \geq 1$ and $c_0 > 0$ such that for all $r \geq 3$ and for all nonresonant $\mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{Z}^r \setminus \mathcal{N}_r$, we have*

$$|\Omega(\mathbf{j})| \geq \frac{\gamma c_0^r}{\mu(\mathbf{j})^{\nu r}}. \quad (2.18)$$

Remark 2.7 *Classically a non resonance condition reads (see for instance [BG06]): for all $r \geq 3$ there exist $\gamma(r) > 0$ and $\nu(r) > 0$ such that for all nonresonant $\mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{Z}^r$ we have*

$$|\Omega(\mathbf{j})| \geq \frac{\gamma(r)}{\mu(\mathbf{j})^{\nu(r)}}.$$

In Hypothesis 2.6 we precise the dependance of γ and ν with respect to r . In particular we impose to ν to be linear: $\nu(r) = \nu r$. This is crucial in order to optimize the choice of r as a function of ε in section 3.2.

Recall that for $V = \sum_{a \in \mathbb{Z}^d} w_a e^{ia \cdot x}$ in the space \mathcal{W}_m defined in (1.2), the frequencies are

$$\omega_a = |a|^2 + w_a = |a|^2 + \frac{Rv_a}{(1 + |a|)^m}, \quad a \in \mathbb{Z}^d,$$

with for all a , $v_a \in [-1/2, 1/2]$. In the Appendix we prove

Proposition 2.8 *Fix $\gamma > 0$ small enough and $m > d/2$. There exist positive constants c_0 and ν depending only on m , R and d , and a set $F_\gamma \subset \mathcal{W}_m$ whose measure is larger than $1 - 4\gamma^{1/7}$ such that if $V \in F_\gamma$ then (2.18) holds true for all non resonant $\mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{Z}^r$ and for all $r \geq 3$.*

Thus Hypothesis 2.6 is satisfied for all $V \in \mathcal{V}$ where

$$\mathcal{V} = \cup_{\gamma > 0} F_\gamma \quad (2.19)$$

is a subset of full measure in \mathcal{W}_m .

2.5 Normal forms

We fix an index $N \geq 1$. For a fixed integer $k \geq 3$, we set

$$\mathcal{J}_k(N) = \{ \mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{I}_k \mid \mu(\mathbf{j}) > N \}.$$

Definition 2.9 *Let N be an integer. We say that a polynomial $Z \in \mathcal{P}_k$ is in N -normal form if it can be written*

$$Z = \sum_{\ell=3}^k \sum_{\mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{N}_\ell \cup \mathcal{J}_\ell(N)} a_{\mathbf{j}} z_{\mathbf{j}}$$

In other words, Z contains either monomials depending only of the actions or monomials whose indices \mathbf{j} satisfy $\mu(\mathbf{j}) > N$, i.e. monomials involving at least three modes with index greater than N .

We now motivate the introduction of such a definition. First, we recall the

Lemma 2.10 *let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ be a continuous function, and $y : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ be a differentiable function satisfying the inequality*

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \frac{d}{dt} y(t) \leq 2f(t) \sqrt{y(t)}.$$

Then we have the estimate

$$\forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \sqrt{y(t)} \leq \sqrt{y(0)} + \int_0^t f(s) ds.$$

Proof. Let $\epsilon > 0$ and define $y_\epsilon = y + \epsilon$ which is a non negative function whose square root is differentiable. We have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \sqrt{y_\epsilon(t)} \leq 2f(t) \frac{\sqrt{y(t)}}{\sqrt{y_\epsilon(t)}} \leq 2f(t)$$

and thus

$$\sqrt{y_\epsilon(t)} \leq \sqrt{y_\epsilon(0)} + \int_0^t f(s) ds.$$

The claim is proved by taking $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$. ■

For a given number N and for $z \in \mathcal{L}_\rho$ we define

$$\mathbb{R}_\rho^N(z) = \sum_{|\mathbf{j}| > N} e^{\rho|\mathbf{j}|} |z_{\mathbf{j}}|.$$

Notice that if $z \in \mathcal{L}_{\rho+\mu}$ then

$$\mathbb{R}_\rho^N(z) \leq e^{-\mu N} \|z\|_{\rho+\mu}. \tag{2.20}$$

Proposition 2.11 *Let $N \in \mathbb{N}$ and $k \geq 3$. Suppose that Z is a homogeneous polynomial of degree k in N -normal form. Let $z(t)$ be a real solution of the flow generated by the Hamiltonian $H_0 + Z$. Then we have*

$$\mathbb{R}_\rho^N(z(t)) \leq \mathbb{R}_\rho^N(z(0)) + 4k^3 \|Z\| \int_0^t \mathbb{R}_\rho^N(z(s))^2 \|z(s)\|_\rho^{k-3} ds \quad (2.21)$$

and

$$\|z(t)\|_\rho \leq \|z(0)\|_\rho + 4k^3 \|Z\| \int_0^t \mathbb{R}_\rho^N(z(s))^2 \|z(s)\|_\rho^{k-3} ds. \quad (2.22)$$

Proof. Fix $a \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ and let $I_a(t) = \xi_a(t)\eta_a(t)$ the actions associated with the solution of the Hamiltonian system generated by $H_0 + Z$. Let us recall that as $z(t) = (\xi(t), \eta(t))$ is a real solution, we have $\xi_a(t) = \bar{\eta}_a(t)$ for all times where the solution is defined. Using (2.17) and $H_0 = H_0(I)$, we have

$$|e^{2\rho|a|}\dot{I}_a| = |e^{2\rho|a|}\{I_a, Z\}| \leq 2k\|Z\| |e^{\rho|a|}\sqrt{I_a}| \left(\sum_{\substack{\mathcal{M}(j)=\pm a \\ 2 \text{ indices} > N}} e^{\rho|a|}|z_{j_1} \cdots z_{j_{k-1}}| \right).$$

Then using Lemma 2.10, we get

$$e^{\rho|a|}\sqrt{I_a(t)} \leq e^{\rho|a|}\sqrt{I_a(0)} + 2k\|Z\| \int_0^t \left(\sum_{\substack{\mathcal{M}(j)=\pm a \\ 2 \text{ indices} > N}} e^{\rho|j_1|}|z_{j_1}| \cdots e^{\rho|j_{k-1}|}|z_{j_{k-1}}| \right) ds. \quad (2.23)$$

Ordering the multi-indices such that $|j_1|$ and $|j_2|$ are the largest, and using the fact that $z(t)$ is real (and thus $|z_j| = \sqrt{I_a}$ for $j = (a, \pm 1) \in \mathcal{Z}$), we obtain after summation in $|a| > N$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{R}_\rho^N(z(t)) &\leq \mathbb{R}_\rho^N(z(0)) + 4k^3 \|Z\| \int_0^t \left(\sum_{\substack{|j_1|, |j_2| \geq N \\ j_3, \dots, j_{k-1} \in \mathcal{Z}}} e^{\rho|j_1|}|z_{j_1}| \cdots e^{\rho|j_{k-1}|}|z_{j_{k-1}}| \right) ds \\ &\leq \mathbb{R}_\rho^N(z(0)) + 4k^3 \|Z\| \int_0^t \mathbb{R}_\rho^N(z(s))^2 \|z(s)\|_\rho^{k-3} ds. \end{aligned}$$

Inequality (2.22) is proved in the same way. ■

Remark 2.12 *These estimates will be central to the final bootstrap argument. Actually, as a consequence of Proposition 2.11 we have: if $z(t)$ is the solution of a Hamiltonian system in N -normal form with an initial datum z_0 satisfying $\|z_0\|_{2\rho} = \varepsilon$, then, as $\mathbb{R}_\rho^N(z_0) = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon e^{-\rho N})$, Eqns. (2.21), (2.22) guarantee that $\mathbb{R}_\rho^N(z(t))$ remains of order $\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon e^{-\rho N})$ and the norm of $z(t)$ remains of order ε over exponentially long time $t = \mathcal{O}(e^{\rho N})$.*

The next result is an easy consequence of the non resonance condition and of the definition of the normal forms:

Proposition 2.13 *Assume that the non resonance condition (2.18) is satisfied, and let N be fixed. Let Q be a homegenous polynomial of degree k . Then the homological equation*

$$\{\chi, H_0\} - Z = Q \quad (2.24)$$

admits a polynomial solution (χ, Z) homogeneous of degree k , such that Z is in N -normal form, and such that

$$\|Z\| \leq \|Q\| \quad \text{and} \quad \|\chi\| \leq \frac{N^{\nu k}}{\gamma c_0^k} \|Q\|. \quad (2.25)$$

Proof. Assume that $Q = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{I}_k} Q_j z_j$ and seek $Z = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{I}_k} Z_j z_j$ and $\chi = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{I}_k} \chi_j z_j$ such that (2.24) is satisfied. Equation (2.24) can be written in terms of polynomial coefficients

$$i\Omega(j)\chi_j - Z_j = Q_j, \quad j \in \mathcal{I}_k,$$

where $\Omega(j)$ is given in (2.11). We then define

$$\begin{aligned} Z_j &= Q_j & \text{and} & \quad \chi_j = 0 & \text{if} & \quad j \in \mathcal{N}_k \text{ or } \mu(j) > N, \\ Z_j &= 0 & \text{and} & \quad \chi_j = \frac{Q_j}{i\Omega(j)} & \text{if} & \quad j \notin \mathcal{N}_k \text{ and } \mu(j) \leq N. \end{aligned}$$

In view of (2.18), this leads to (2.25). ■

3 Proof of the main Theorem

3.1 Recursive equation

We aim to construct a canonical transformation τ such that in the new variables, the Hamiltonian $H_0 + P$ is in normal form modulo a small remainder term. Using Lie transforms to generate τ , the problem can be written: Find a polynomial $\chi = \sum_{k=3}^r \chi_k$, a polynomial $Z = \sum_{k=3}^r Z_k$ in normal form, and a smooth Hamiltonian R satisfying $\partial^\alpha R(0) = 0$ for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{Z}}$ with $|\alpha| \leq r$, such that

$$(H_0 + P) \circ \Phi_\chi^1 = H_0 + Z + R. \quad (3.1)$$

Then the exponential estimate (1.3) will be obtained by optimizing the choice of r and N . We recall that for χ and K two Hamiltonian functions, we have for all $k \geq 0$

$$\frac{d^k}{dt^k} (K \circ \Phi_\chi^t) = \{\chi, \{\dots \{\chi, K\}\dots\}(\Phi_\chi^t)\} = (\text{ad}_\chi^k K)(\Phi_\chi^t),$$

where $\text{ad}_\chi K = \{\chi, K\}$. On the other hand, if K, L are homogeneous polynomials of degree respectively k and ℓ then $\{K, L\}$ is a homogeneous polynomial of degree $k + \ell - 2$. Therefore, we obtain by using the Taylor formula

$$(H_0 + P) \circ \Phi_\chi^1 - (H_0 + P) = \sum_{k=0}^{r-3} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \text{ad}_\chi^k(\{\chi, H_0 + P\}) + \mathcal{O}_r, \quad (3.2)$$

where \mathcal{O}_r stands for a smooth function R satisfying $\partial^\alpha R(0) = 0$ for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{Z}}$ with $|\alpha| \leq r$. In the other hand, we know that for $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}$, the following relation holds:

$$\left(\sum_{k=0}^{r-3} \frac{B_k}{k!} \zeta^k \right) \left(\sum_{k=0}^{r-3} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \zeta^k \right) = 1 + O(|\zeta|^{r-2}),$$

where B_k are the Bernoulli numbers defined by the expansion of the generating function $\frac{z}{e^z-1}$. Therefore, defining the two differential operators

$$A_r = \sum_{k=0}^{r-3} \frac{1}{(k+1)!} \text{ad}_\chi^k \quad \text{and} \quad B_r = \sum_{k=0}^{r-3} \frac{B_k}{k!} \text{ad}_\chi^k,$$

we get

$$B_r A_r = \text{Id} + C_r$$

where C_r is a differential operator satisfying

$$C_r \mathcal{O}_3 = \mathcal{O}_r.$$

Applying B_r to the two sides of equation (3.2), we obtain

$$\{\chi, H_0 + P\} = B_r(Z - P) + \mathcal{O}_r.$$

Plugging the decompositions in homogeneous polynomials of χ , Z and P in the last equation and equating the terms of same degree, we obtain after a straightforward calculation, the following recursive equations

$$\{\chi_m, H_0\} - Z_m = Q_m, \quad m = 3, \dots, r, \quad (3.3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Q_m &= -P_m + \sum_{k=3}^{m-1} \{P_{m+2-k}, \chi_k\} \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^{m-3} \frac{B_k}{k!} \sum_{\substack{\ell_1 + \dots + \ell_{k+1} = m+2k \\ 3 \leq \ell_i \leq m-k}} \text{ad}_{\chi_{\ell_1}} \cdots \text{ad}_{\chi_{\ell_k}} (Z_{\ell_{k+1}} - P_{\ell_{k+1}}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

Notice that in the last sum, $\ell_i \leq m-k$ as a consequence of $3 \leq \ell_i$ and $\ell_1 + \dots + \ell_{k+1} = m+2k$. Once these recursive equations are solved, we define the remainder term as $R = (H_0 + P) \circ \Phi_\chi^1 - H_0 - Z$. By construction, R is analytic on a neighborhood of the origin in \mathcal{L}_ρ and $R = \mathcal{O}_r$. As a consequence, by the Taylor formula,

$$\begin{aligned} R &= \sum_{m \geq r+1} \sum_{k=1}^{m-3} \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\substack{\ell_1 + \dots + \ell_k = m+2k \\ 3 \leq \ell_i \leq r}} \text{ad}_{\chi_{\ell_1}} \cdots \text{ad}_{\chi_{\ell_k}} H_0 \\ &+ \sum_{m \geq r+1} \sum_{k=0}^{m-3} \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\substack{\ell_1 + \dots + \ell_{k+1} = m+2k \\ 3 \leq \ell_1 + \dots + \ell_k \leq r \\ 3 \leq \ell_{k+1}}} \text{ad}_{\chi_{\ell_1}} \cdots \text{ad}_{\chi_{\ell_k}} P_{\ell_{k+1}}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

Lemma 3.1 *Assume that the non resonance condition (2.18) is fulfilled for some constants γ , c_0 , ν . Then there exists $C > 0$ such that for all r and N , and for $m = 3, \dots, r$, there exist homogeneous polynomials χ_m and Z_m of degree m , with Z_m in N -normal forms which are solutions of the recursive equation (3.3), and which satisfy*

$$\|\chi_m\| + \|Z_m\| \leq (CmN^\nu)^{m^2}. \quad (3.6)$$

Proof. We define χ_m and Z_m by induction using Proposition 2.13. Note that (3.6) is clearly satisfied for $m = 3$, provided C is big enough. Estimate (2.25) yields

$$\gamma c_0^m N^{-\nu m} \|\chi_m\| + \|Z_m\| \leq \|Q_m\|. \quad (3.7)$$

Using the definition (3.4) of the term Q_m , the estimate on the Bernoulli numbers, $|B_k| \leq k! c^k$ for some $c > 0$, together with (2.17) which implies that for all $\ell \geq 3$, $\|\text{ad}_{\chi_\ell} R\| \leq 2m\ell\|R\|$ for any polynomial R of degree less than m , we have for all $m \geq 3$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q_m\| &\leq \|P_m\| + 2 \sum_{k=3}^{m-1} k(m+2-k) \|P_{m+2-k}\| \|\chi_k\| \\ &+ 2 \sum_{k=1}^{m-3} (Cm)^k \sum_{\substack{\ell_1 + \dots + \ell_{k+1} = m+2k \\ 3 \leq \ell_i \leq m-k}} \ell_1 \|\chi_{\ell_1}\| \cdots \ell_k \|\chi_{\ell_k}\| \|Z_{\ell_{k+1}} - P_{\ell_{k+1}}\|. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

for some constant C . Let us set $\beta_m = m(\|\chi_m\| + \|Z_m\|)$. Equation (3.7) implies that

$$\beta_m \leq (CN^\nu)^m m \|Q_m\|,$$

for some constant C independent of m .

Using that $\|P_m\| \leq MR_0^{-m}$ (see the end of subsection 2.4), we have that $\|P_m\|$ and $m\|P_m\|$ are uniformly bounded with respect to m . Hence the previous inequality implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_m &\leq \beta_m^{(1)} + \beta_m^{(2)} \quad \text{where} \\ \beta_m^{(1)} &= (CN^\nu)^m m \left(1 + \sum_{k=3}^{m-1} \beta_k\right) \quad \text{and} \\ \beta_m^{(2)} &= N^{\nu m} (Cm)^{m-2} \sum_{k=1}^{m-3} \sum_{\substack{\ell_1 + \dots + \ell_{k+1} = m+2k \\ 3 \leq \ell_i \leq m-k}} \beta_{\ell_1} \cdots \beta_{\ell_k} (\beta_{\ell_{k+1}} + 1), \end{aligned}$$

for some constant C depending on M , R_0 , γ and c_0 . It remains to prove that $\beta_m \leq (CmN^\nu)^{\delta m^2}$ by induction, and for some constant δ . Again this is true for $m = 3$ by adapting C if necessary. Thus assume that $\beta_j \leq (CjN^\nu)^{j^2}$, $j = 3, \dots, m-1$. As we have as soon as $C > 1$,

$$\forall m \geq 3, \quad 1 \leq (CmN^\nu)^{m^2}, \quad (3.9)$$

we then get

$$\beta_m^{(1)} \leq (CN^\nu)^m m^{m+2} (CmN^\nu)^{(m-1)^2} \leq \frac{1}{2} (CmN^\nu)^{m^2}$$

as soon as $m \geq 3$ and provided $C > 2$.

Using again (3.9) and the induction hypothesis, we get

$$\beta_m^{(2)} \leq N^{\nu m} (Cm)^{m-2} \sum_{k=1}^{m-3} \sum_{\substack{\ell_1 + \dots + \ell_{k+1} = m+2k \\ 3 \leq \ell_i \leq m-k}} (CN^\nu (m-k))^{\ell_1^2 + \dots + \ell_{k+1}^2}.$$

Notice that the maximum of $\ell_1^2 + \dots + \ell_{k+1}^2$ when $\ell_1 + \dots + \ell_{k+1} = m+2k$ and $3 \leq \ell_i \leq m-k$ is obtained for $\ell_1 = \dots = \ell_k = 3$ and $\ell_{k+1} = m-k$ and its value is $(m-k)^2 + 9k$. Furthermore

the cardinality of $\{\ell_1 + \dots + \ell_{k+1} = m + 2k, 3 \leq \ell_i \leq m - k\}$ is smaller than m^{k+1} , hence we obtain after adapting C if necessary,

$$\beta_m^{(2)} \leq \max_{k=1, \dots, m-3} N^{\nu m} (Cm)^{m-2} C m^{k+2} (CN^\nu (m-k))^{(m-k)^2 + 9k} \leq \frac{1}{2} (CmN^\nu)^{m^2}$$

for $m \geq 4$ and adapting C is necessary. \blacksquare

3.2 Normal form result

For any $R_0 > 0$, we set $B_\rho(R_0) = \{z \in \mathcal{L}_\rho \mid \|z\|_\rho < R_0\}$.

Theorem 3.2 *Assume that P is analytic on a ball $B_\rho(R_0)$ for some $R_0 > 0$ and $\rho > 0$. Assume that the nonresonance condition (2.18) is satisfied, and let $\beta < 1$ and $M > 1$ be fixed. Then there exist constants $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ and $\sigma > 0$ such that for all $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$, there exists: a polynomial χ , a polynomial Z in $N = |\ln \varepsilon|^{1+\beta}$ normal form, and a Hamiltonian R analytic on $B_\rho(M\varepsilon)$, such that*

$$(H_0 + P) \circ \Phi_\chi^1 = H_0 + Z + R. \quad (3.10)$$

Furthermore, for all $z \in B_\rho(M\varepsilon)$,

$$\|X_Z(z)\|_\rho + \|X_\chi(z)\|_\rho \leq 2\varepsilon^{3/2}, \quad \text{and} \quad \|X_R(z)\|_\rho \leq \varepsilon e^{-\frac{1}{4}|\ln \varepsilon|^{1+\beta}}. \quad (3.11)$$

Proof. Using Lemma 3.1, for all N and r , we can construct polynomial Hamiltonians

$$\chi(z) = \sum_{k=3}^r \chi_k(z) \quad \text{and} \quad Z(z) = \sum_{k=3}^r Z_k(z),$$

with Z in N -normal form, such that (3.10) holds with $R = \mathcal{O}_r$. Now for fixed $\varepsilon > 0$, we choose

$$N \equiv N(\varepsilon) = |\ln \varepsilon|^{1+\beta} \quad \text{and} \quad r \equiv r(\varepsilon) = |\ln \varepsilon|^\beta.$$

This choice is motivated by the necessity of a balance between Z and R in (3.10): The error induced by Z is controlled as in Remark 2.12, while the error induced by R is controlled by Lemma 3.1. By (3.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\chi_k\| &\leq (CkN^\nu)^{k^2} \leq \exp(k(\nu k(1+\beta) \ln |\ln \varepsilon| + k \ln Ck)) \\ &\leq \exp(k(\nu r(1+\beta) \ln |\ln \varepsilon| + r \ln Cr)) \\ &\leq \exp(k|\ln \varepsilon|(\nu |\ln \varepsilon|^{\beta-1}(1+\beta) \ln |\ln \varepsilon| + |\ln \varepsilon|^{\beta-1} \ln C |\ln \varepsilon|^\beta)) \\ &\leq \varepsilon^{-k/8}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

as $\beta < 1$, and for $\varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$ sufficiently small. Therefore using Proposition 2.5, we obtain for $z \in B_\rho(M\varepsilon)$

$$|\chi_k(z)| \leq \varepsilon^{-k/8} (M\varepsilon)^k \leq M^k \varepsilon^{7k/8}$$

and thus

$$|\chi(z)| \leq \sum_{k \geq 3} M^k \varepsilon^{7k/8} \leq \varepsilon^{3/2}$$

for ε small enough. Similarly, we have for all $k \leq r$,

$$\|X_{\chi_k}(z)\|_\rho \leq 2k\varepsilon^{-k/8} (M\varepsilon)^{k-1} \leq 2kM^{k-1} \varepsilon^{7k/8-1}$$

and

$$\|X_\chi(z)\|_\rho \leq \sum_{k \geq 3} 2kM^{k-1} \varepsilon^{7k/8-1} \leq C\varepsilon^{-1} \varepsilon^{\frac{21}{8}} \leq \varepsilon^{3/2}$$

for ε small enough. Similar bounds clearly hold for $Z = \sum_{k=3}^r Z_k$, which shows the first estimate in (3.11).

On the other hand, using $\text{ad}_{\chi_{\ell_k}} H_0 = Z_{\ell_k} + Q_{\ell_k}$ (see (3.3)), then using Lemma 3.1 and the definition of Q_m (see (3.4)), we get $\|\text{ad}_{\chi_{\ell_k}} H_0\| \leq (CkN^\nu)^{\ell_k^2} \leq \varepsilon^{-\ell_k/8}$, where the last inequality proceeds as in (3.12). Thus, using (3.5), (3.12) and $\|P_{\ell_{k+1}}\| \leq MR_0^{-\ell_{k+1}}$ we obtain by Proposition 2.5 that for $z \in B_\rho(M\varepsilon)$

$$\|X_R(z)\|_\rho \leq \sum_{m \geq r+1} \sum_{k=0}^{m-3} m(Cr)^{3m} \varepsilon^{-\frac{m+2k}{8}} \varepsilon^{m-1} \leq \sum_{m \geq r+1} m^2 (Cr)^{3m} \varepsilon^{m/2} \leq (Cr)^{3r} \varepsilon^{r/2}.$$

Therefore, since $r = |\ln \varepsilon|^\beta$, we get $\|X_R(z)\|_\rho \leq \varepsilon e^{-\frac{1}{4}|\ln \varepsilon|^{1+\beta}}$ for $z \in B_\rho(M\varepsilon)$ and ε small enough. \blacksquare

3.3 Bootstrap argument

We are now in position to prove the main theorem of Section 1. It is a direct consequence of Theorem 3.2.

Let $u_0 \in \mathcal{A}_{2\rho}$ with $|u_0|_{2\rho} = \varepsilon$ and denote by $z(0)$ the corresponding sequence of its Fourier coefficients which belongs, by Lemma 2.1, to $\mathcal{L}_{\frac{3}{2}\rho}$ with $\|z(0)\|_{\frac{3}{2}\rho} \leq \frac{c_\rho}{4}\varepsilon$ and $c_\rho = \frac{2^{d+2}}{(1-e^{-\rho/2\sqrt{d}})^d}$.

Let $z(t)$ be the local solution in \mathcal{L}_ρ of the Hamiltonian system associated with $H = H_0 + P$. Let χ, Z and R given by Theorem 3.2 with $M = c_\rho$ and let $y(t) = \Phi_\chi^1(z(t))$. We recall that since $\chi(z) = O(\|z\|^3)$, the transformation Φ_χ^1 is close to the identity, $\Phi_\chi^1(z) = z + O(\|z\|^2)$ and thus, for ε small enough, we have $\|y(0)\|_{\frac{3}{2}\rho} \leq \frac{c_\rho}{2}\varepsilon$. In particular, as given in (2.20),

$$R_\rho^N(y(0)) \leq \frac{c_\rho}{2}\varepsilon e^{-\frac{\rho}{2}N} \leq \frac{c_\rho}{2}\varepsilon e^{-\sigma N} \text{ where } \sigma = \sigma_\rho \leq \frac{\rho}{2}.$$

Let T_ε be the largest time T such that $R_\rho^N(y(t)) \leq c_\rho \varepsilon e^{-\sigma N}$ and $\|y(t)\|_\rho \leq c_\rho \varepsilon$ for all $|t| \leq T$. By construction we have

$$y(t) = y(0) + \int_0^t X_{H_0+Z}(y(s)) ds + \int_0^t X_R(y(s)) ds.$$

So using (2.21) for the first vector field and (3.11) for the second one, we get for $|t| < T_\varepsilon$,

$$\begin{aligned} R_\rho^N(y(t)) &\leq \frac{1}{2}c_\rho \varepsilon e^{-\sigma N} + 4|t| \sum_{k=3}^r \|Z_k\| k^3 (c_\rho \varepsilon)^{k-1} e^{-2\sigma N} + |t| \varepsilon e^{-\frac{1}{4}|\ln \varepsilon|^{1+\beta}} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{2} + 4|t| \sum_{k=3}^r \|Z_k\| k^3 (c_\rho \varepsilon)^{k-2} e^{-\sigma N} + |t| \varepsilon e^{-\frac{1}{8}|\ln \varepsilon|^{1+\beta}} \right) c_\rho \varepsilon e^{-\sigma N}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

where in the last inequality we used $\sigma = \min\{\frac{1}{10}, \frac{\rho}{2}\}$ and $N = |\ln \varepsilon|^{1+\beta}$.

Using Lemma 3.1, we then verify that

$$R_\rho^N(y(t)) \leq \left(\frac{1}{2} + C|t| \varepsilon e^{-\sigma N} \right) c_\rho \varepsilon e^{-\sigma N}$$

and thus, for ε small enough,

$$R_\rho^N(y(t)) \leq c_\rho \varepsilon e^{-\sigma N} \quad \text{for all } |t| \leq \min\{T_\varepsilon, e^{\sigma N}\}. \quad (3.14)$$

Similarly we obtain

$$\|y(t)\|_\rho \leq c_\rho \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } |t| \leq \min\{T_\varepsilon, e^{\sigma N}\}. \quad (3.15)$$

In view of the definition of T_ε , inequalities (3.14) and (3.15) imply $T_\varepsilon \geq e^{\sigma N}$. In particular $\|z(t)\|_\rho \leq 2c_\rho \varepsilon$ for $|t| \leq e^{\sigma N} = \varepsilon^{-\sigma|\ln \varepsilon|^\beta}$ and using (2.7), we finally obtain (1.3) with

$$C = \frac{2^{2d+5}}{(1-e^{-\rho/2\sqrt{d}})^{2d}}.$$

Estimate (1.4) is another consequence of the normal form result and Proposition 2.11. Actually we use that the Fourier coefficients of $u(t)$ are given by $z(t)$ which is ε^2 -close to $y(t)$ which in turn is almost invariant: in view of (2.23) and as in (3.13), we have

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{\rho|j|} |y_j(t) - y_j(0)| \leq \left(4|t| \sum_{k=3}^r \|Z_k\| k^3 (c_\rho \varepsilon)^{k-1} e^{-2\sigma N} + |t| \varepsilon e^{-\frac{1}{4}|\ln \varepsilon|^{1+\beta}} \right)$$

from which we deduce

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{\rho|j|} |y_j(t) - y_j(0)| \leq |t| e^{-\sigma N}$$

and then (1.4).

A Proof of the non resonance hypothesis

Instead of proving Proposition 2.8, we prove a slightly more general result. For a multi-index $\mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{Z}^r$ we define

$$N(\mathbf{j}) = \prod_{k=1}^r (1 + |j_k|).$$

Proposition A.1 *Fix $\gamma > 0$ small enough and $m > d/2$. There exist positive constants C and ν depending only on m , R and d , and a set $F_\gamma \subset \mathcal{W}_m$ (see (1.2)) whose measure is larger than $1 - 4\gamma$ such that if $V \in F_\gamma$ then for any $r \geq 1$*

$$|\Omega(\mathbf{j}) + \varepsilon_1 \omega_{\ell_1} + \varepsilon_2 \omega_{\ell_2}| \geq \frac{C^r \gamma^7}{N(\mathbf{j})^\nu} \quad (\text{A.1})$$

for any $\mathbf{j} \in \mathcal{Z}^r$, for any indices $\ell_1, \ell_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^d$, and for any $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2 \in \{0, 1, -1\}$ such that $(\mathbf{j}, (\ell_1, \varepsilon_1), (\ell_2, \varepsilon_2))$ is non resonant⁴.

In order to prove Proposition A.1, we first prove that $\Omega(\mathbf{j})$ cannot accumulate on \mathbb{Z} . Precisely we have

⁴The resonant set $\mathcal{N}_r, r \geq 2$, is defined in section 2.4.

Lemma A.2 Fix $\gamma > 0$ and $m > d/2$. There exist $0 < C < 1$ depending only on m, R and d , and a set $F'_\gamma \subset \mathcal{W}_m$ whose measure is larger than $1 - 4\gamma$ such that if $V \in F'_\gamma$ then for any $r \geq 1$

$$|\Omega(\mathbf{j}) - b| \geq \frac{C^r \gamma}{N(\mathbf{j})^{m+d+3}} \quad (\text{A.2})$$

for any non resonant $\mathbf{j} \in \mathbb{Z}^r$ and for any $b \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Proof. Let $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_r) \neq 0$ in \mathbb{Z}^r , $M > 0$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$. The set

$$\mathcal{E}(\eta) = \{x \in [-1/2, 1/2]^r \mid \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i x_i + c \right| < \eta\}$$

is a slice of thickness 2η of the hypercube $[-M, M]^r$ guided by the hyperplane $\{\sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i x_i + c = 0\}$ whose normal α has a norm larger than 1. Since the largest diagonal in the hypercube $[-1/2, 1/2]^r$ has a length equal to \sqrt{r} , we get that the base of the slice $\mathcal{E}(\eta)$ is included in a hyper disc of dimension $r-1$ and radius $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{r}$. Recall that the volume of a ball in \mathbb{R}^m of radius ρ equals $\pi^{m/2} \rho^m / \Gamma(m/2 + 1)$. So we deduce that the volume of $\mathcal{E}(\eta)$ is smaller than⁵

$$2\eta \pi^{(r-1)/2} \frac{(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{r})^{r-1}}{\Gamma((r-1)/2 + 1)} \leq 2\eta \frac{(\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\pi r})^{r-1}}{(\frac{r-1}{2})!} \leq C^r \eta$$

for a constant C independent of r . Hence given $\mathbf{j} = (a_i, \delta_i)_{i=1}^r \in \mathcal{Z}^r$, and $b \in \mathbb{Z}$, the Lebesgue measure of

$$\mathcal{X}_\eta := \left\{ x \in [-1/2, 1/2]^r : \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \delta_i (|a_i|^2 + x_i) - b \right| < \eta \right\}$$

is smaller than $2\eta r^{\frac{r-1}{2}}$. Now consider the set (using the notation (1.2)).

$$\{V \in \mathcal{W}_m \mid |\Omega(\mathbf{j}) - b| < \eta\} = \left\{ V \in \mathcal{W}_m \mid \left| \sum_{i=1}^r \delta_i (|a_i|^2 + \frac{v_{a_i} R}{(1 + |a_i|)^m}) - b \right| < \eta \right\}. \quad (\text{A.3})$$

It is contained in the set of the V 's such that $(Rv_{a_i}/(1 + |a_i|)^m)_{i=1}^r \in \mathcal{X}_\eta$. Hence the measure of (A.3) is smaller than $R^{-r} N(\mathbf{j})^m C^r \eta$. To conclude the proof we have to sum over all the possible \mathbf{j} 's and all the possible b 's. Now for a given \mathbf{j} , if $|\Omega(\mathbf{j}) - b| \geq \eta$ with $\eta \leq 1$ then $|b| \leq 2N(\mathbf{j})^2$. So that to guarantee (A.2) for all possible choices of \mathbf{j} , b and r , it suffices to remove from \mathcal{W}_m a set of measure

$$4\gamma \sum_{\mathbf{j} \in \mathbb{Z}^r} \frac{C^r}{R^r N(\mathbf{j})^{m+3+d}} N(\mathbf{j})^{m+2} \leq 4\gamma \left[\frac{2C}{R} \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \frac{1}{(1 + |\ell|)^{d+1}} \right]^r.$$

Choosing $C \leq \frac{1}{2} R \left(\sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \frac{1}{(1 + |\ell|)^{d+1}} \right)^{-1}$ proves the result. \blacksquare

Proof of Proposition A.1. First of all, for $\varepsilon_1 = \varepsilon_2 = 0$, (A.1) is a direct consequence of Lemma A.2 choosing $\nu \geq m + d + 3$, $\gamma \leq 1$ and $F_\gamma = F'_\gamma$ (recall that $r \geq 1$).

⁵We use the formula of the Gamma function valid for even integer but the asymptotic is the same in the odd case.

When $\varepsilon_1 = \pm 1$ and $\varepsilon_2 = 0$, we will prove that for some constants C and ν , we have

$$|\Omega(\mathbf{j}) \pm \omega_{\ell_1}| \geq \frac{C^r \gamma}{N(\mathbf{j})^\nu}, \quad (\text{A.4})$$

which implies inequality (A.1) for $\gamma \leq 1$. Notice that $|\Omega(\mathbf{j})| \leq N(\mathbf{j})^2$ and thus, if $|\ell_1| \geq 2N(\mathbf{j})$, (A.4) is always true. When $|\ell_1| \leq 2N(\mathbf{j})$, using that $N(\mathbf{j}, \ell) = N(\mathbf{j})(1 + |\ell_1|)$, applying Lemma A.2 with $b = 0$, we get again with $V \in F'_\gamma = F_\gamma$,

$$|\Omega(\mathbf{j}) + \varepsilon_1 \omega_{\ell_1}| = |\Omega(\mathbf{j}, (\ell_1, \varepsilon_1))| \geq \frac{C^{r+1} \gamma}{N(\mathbf{j})^{m+d+3} (3N(\mathbf{j}))^{m+d+3}} \geq \frac{\tilde{C}^r \gamma}{N(\mathbf{j})^\nu}$$

with $\nu = 2(m + d + 3)$ and $\tilde{C} = \frac{2C^2}{3^{m+d+3}}$.

When $\varepsilon_1 \varepsilon_2 = 1$, a similar argument yields an estimate of the form

$$|\Omega(\mathbf{j}) \pm (\omega_{\ell_1} + \omega_{\ell_2})| \geq \frac{C^r \gamma}{N(\mathbf{j})^\nu},$$

for some constants C , ν , and for $V \in F'_\gamma = F_\gamma$.

So it remains to establish an estimate of the form

$$|\Omega(\mathbf{j}) + \omega_{\ell_1} - \omega_{\ell_2}| \geq \frac{\tilde{C}^r \gamma^7}{N(\mathbf{j})^\nu}, \quad (\text{A.5})$$

for some constant \tilde{C} and $V \in F_\gamma$ to be defined. Assuming $|\ell_1| \leq |\ell_2|$, we have

$$|\omega_{\ell_1} - \omega_{\ell_2} - \ell_1^2 + \ell_2^2| \leq \left| \frac{R|v_{\ell_1}|}{(1 + |\ell_1|)^m} - \frac{R|v_{\ell_2}|}{(1 + |\ell_2|)^m} \right| \leq \frac{R}{(1 + |\ell_1|)^m},$$

for all v_{ℓ_1} and v_{ℓ_2} in $[-1/2, 1/2]$ - see (1.2). Therefore if $(1 + |\ell_1|)^m \geq \frac{2R}{\tilde{C}^r \gamma} N(\mathbf{j})^{m+d+3}$, we obtain (A.5) directly from Lemma A.2 applied with $b = \ell_1^2 - \ell_2^2$ and choosing $\nu = m + d + 3$, $\tilde{C} = C/2$ and $F_\gamma = F'_\gamma$.

Finally assume $(1 + |\ell_1|)^m \leq \frac{2R}{\tilde{C}^r \gamma} N(\mathbf{j})^{m+d+3}$. Then taking into account $|\Omega(\mathbf{j})| \leq N(\mathbf{j})^2$, inequality (A.5) is satisfied when $\ell_2^2 - \ell_1^2 \geq 2N(\mathbf{j})^2$. It remains to consider the case when

$$1 + |\ell_1| \leq 1 + |\ell_2| \leq \left[2 \left(\frac{2R}{\tilde{C}^r \gamma} N(\mathbf{j})^{m+d+3} \right)^{2/m} + 4N(\mathbf{j})^2 \right]^{1/2} \leq 2 \left(\frac{3R}{\tilde{C}^r \gamma} \right)^{\frac{1}{m}} N(\mathbf{j})^{\frac{m+d+3}{m}}.$$

Again we use Lemma A.2 to conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} |\Omega(\mathbf{j}) + \omega_{\ell_1} - \omega_{\ell_2}| &\geq \frac{C^{r+2} \gamma}{[N(\mathbf{j})(1 + |\ell_1|)(1 + |\ell_2|)]^{m+d+3}} \\ &\geq \frac{C^{r+2} \gamma \left(\frac{C^r \gamma}{3.2^m R} \right)^{\frac{m+d+3}{m}}}{N(\mathbf{j})^{m+d+3} N(\mathbf{j})^{2 \frac{(m+d+3)^2}{m}}} \geq \frac{\tilde{C}^r \gamma^{4+3/m}}{N(\mathbf{j})^\nu}, \end{aligned}$$

as $m > d/2$, and with $\nu = m + d + 3 + (m + d + 3)^2/m$ and $\tilde{C} = \frac{C^{(4m+d+3)/m}}{3.2^m R}$. This last estimate implies (A.1). \blacksquare

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