

# Quasi-periodic stability of normally resonant tori.

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## Abstract

We study quasi-periodic tori under a normal-internal resonance, possibly with multiple eigenvalues. Two non-degeneracy conditions play a role. The first of these generalizes invertibility of the Floquet matrix and prevents drift of the lower dimensional torus. The second condition involves a Kolmogorov-like variation of the internal frequencies and simultaneously versality of the Floquet matrix unfolding. We focus on the reversible setting, but our results carry over to the Hamiltonian and dissipative contexts.

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## 1 Introduction

Resonances are at the core of the problems one has to solve when trying to prove quasi-periodic stability – persistence of invariant tori under small perturbation. Let  $\mathbb{T}^n = \mathbb{R}^n / (2\pi\mathbb{Z})^n = (\mathbb{R}/(2\pi\mathbb{Z}))^n$  be the standard  $n$ -torus, with co-ordinates  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \pmod{2\pi}$ . An invariant torus  $T$  of a vector field  $X$  is called parallel if a smooth conjugation exists of the restriction  $X|_T$  with a constant vector field  $\dot{x} = \omega$  on  $\mathbb{T}^n$ . The vector  $\omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \dots, \omega_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the (internal) frequency vector of  $T$ . The parallel torus is quasi-periodic when the frequencies are independent over the rationals.

In the perturbation problem we consider the phase space  $N = \mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^{2p} = \{x, y, z\}$  where we are dealing with a ‘dominant part’

$$\dot{x} = \omega, \quad \dot{y} = 0, \quad \dot{z} = \Omega z, \quad \text{or} \quad X = \omega \partial_x + \Omega z \partial_z \tag{1.1}$$

in vector field notation. We assume that

$$\Omega = \text{diag} [A_1, A_2, \dots, A_p], \text{ where } A_j = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \alpha_j \\ -\alpha_j & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

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meaning that the invariant torus under consideration is elliptic with normal frequencies  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_p$ .

For persistence of such elliptic tori  $T_y = \mathbb{T}^n \times \{y\} \times 0$  in [12, 13, 14, 31] the Diophantine conditions

$$|\langle k, \omega \rangle + \langle \ell, \alpha \rangle| \geq \frac{\gamma}{|k|^\tau} \quad \text{for all } (k, \ell) \in \mathbb{Z}^{n+p} \text{ with } k \neq 0 \text{ and } |\ell| \leq 2 \quad (1.2)$$

are imposed, also compare with [24]. Here  $\gamma > 0$  and  $\tau > n - 1$  are constants and we use the following notation:  $\langle k, \omega \rangle = \sum k_j \omega_j$  and  $|k| = \sum |k_j|$ .

These strong non-resonance conditions exclude in fact four types of resonances. An internal resonance

$$\langle k, \omega \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for some } 0 \neq k \in \mathbb{Z}^n$$

prevents the parallel flow on  $T_y$  to have a dense orbit whence the invariant torus is not a (minimal) dynamical object, but rather the union of closed invariant subtori. One cannot expect such an  $n$ -torus to persist, cf. [32, 35], for the same reason that a circle consisting of equilibria breaks up under perturbation (generically with only finitely many equilibria in the perturbed system). Such resonances are excluded by (1.2) when taking  $\ell = 0$ .

For  $|\ell| = 1$  the inequalities (1.2) constitute the first Mel'nikov condition, cf. [3, 30, 40], and concern the normal-internal resonances

$$\langle k, \omega \rangle = \alpha_j \quad \text{with fixed } k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \text{ and } j \in \{1, \dots, p\}. \quad (1.3)$$

Passing to co-rotating co-ordinates on  $N$  yields this resonance with  $k = 0$ , cf. [10, 16]. This is a 2-step procedure. First  $k$  is brought into the form  $k = (k_1, 0, \dots, 0)$  by means of a preliminary transformation

$$N \longrightarrow N, \quad (x, y, z) \mapsto (\sigma x, y, z) \quad (1.4)$$

with  $\sigma \in SL(n, \mathbb{Z})$ . For the second step we write  $z_I = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{2j-2}, z_{2j+1}, \dots, z_{2p})$  and  $z_{II} = (z_{2j-1}, z_{2j})$  and complexify  $z_{II} \cong z_{2j-1} + iz_{2j}$ . Then we perform a Van der Pol transformation

$$N \longrightarrow N, \quad (x, y, z) \mapsto (x, y, z_I, e^{ik_1 x_1} z_{II}). \quad (1.5)$$

The transformed vector field has a vanishing normal frequency  $\alpha_j = 0$ . Hence, already constant perturbations

$$\beta \partial_z = \beta_{2j-1} \partial_{z_{2j-1}} + \beta_{2j} \partial_{z_{2j}}, \quad \beta_{2j-1}, \beta_{2j} \in \mathbb{R}$$

make the tori  $T_y$  move in a way that cannot be compensated on the linear level.

**Remark.** When taking (generic) higher order terms of the unperturbed vector field into account the resulting bifurcation scenario turns out to be quasi-periodically stable (in an appropriate sense) as well, cf. [5, 10, 20, 21, 38].

The remaining possibility  $|\ell| = 2$  in (1.2) excludes the normal-internal resonances

$$\langle k, \omega \rangle = \alpha_i \pm \alpha_j \quad \text{with fixed } k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \text{ and } i \neq j \in \{1, \dots, p\} \quad (1.6)$$

and

$$\langle k, \omega \rangle = 2\alpha_j \quad \text{with fixed } k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \text{ and } j \in \{1, \dots, p\}. \quad (1.7)$$

For (1.6) one can again achieve  $k = 0$  in co-rotating co-ordinates, cf. [40], turning this normal-internal resonance into the normal resonance

$$0 \neq \alpha_i = \pm \alpha_j, \quad i \neq j \in \{1, \dots, p\}.$$

While now the invertibility of  $\Omega$  does yield quasi-periodic stability of  $T_y$ , see [11, 17] and Corollary 4 in Section 2.3, the normal behaviour still may be drastically affected. Using the  $y$ -variable as a parameter, e.g. the normal linear matrix

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

in a conservative setting unfolds (or deforms) both to elliptic and to hyperbolic behaviour.

**Remark.** Here it is the bifurcation scenario involving the surrounding tori of dimension  $n + 1$  and  $n + 2$  that can only be captured by taking higher order terms of the unperturbed vector field into account; quasi-periodic stability was achieved in [7, 9, 21, 22] for the simplest conservative bifurcation scenarios.

The remaining case (1.7) is meaningful only if not already implied by (1.3), so assume that (1.2) holds with  $|\ell| \leq 1$ . Then we can still achieve  $k = 0$  in co-rotating co-ordinates, but now on a 2-fold covering  $M \rightarrow N$  defined as follows. The preliminary transformation (1.4) brings the resonance vector  $k$  into the form  $k = (k_1, 0, \dots, 0)$  with  $k_1$  odd. The Van der Pol transformation is no longer a mapping from  $N$  to itself, but a covering mapping from  $M = \mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^{2p}$  onto  $N$  defined by

$$\Pi : M \rightarrow N, \quad (x_1, x_*, y, z) \mapsto (2x_1, x_*, y, z_I, e^{ik_1 x_1} z_{II}).$$

Here  $x_1 \in \mathbb{T}^1$  and  $x_* = (x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{T}^{n-1}$ . The deck group  $\mathbb{Z}_2 = \{\text{Id}, F\}$  of this 2-fold covering is generated by the involution

$$F : M \rightarrow M, \quad (x_1, x_*, y, z_I, z_{II}) \mapsto (x_1 - \pi, x_*, y, z_I, -z_{II}). \quad (1.8)$$

This means that

$$\Pi \circ F = \Pi.$$

**Remarks.**

- (i) Compare with [10, 16, 40], also see [5, 8, 14]. Observe the one-to-one correspondence between vector fields  $X$  on  $N$  and their  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant lifts  $\hat{X}$  on  $M$ . Often it is more convenient to work with such equivariant vector fields on  $M$ . The factor 2 in the resonance (1.7) implies that one  $2\pi$ -translation in  $x_1$  yields  $\frac{1}{2}k_1 \notin \mathbb{Z}$  normal rotations, and only after a second  $2\pi$ -translation in  $x_1$  does  $z_{II}$  return to its original position. Instead of compensating this by taking  $x_1 \mapsto 2x_1$  in the first factor one can also consider the first factor  $\mathbb{R}/(4\pi\mathbb{Z})$  twice as long whence the covering mapping  $\xi_1 \mapsto x_1$  consists simply in taking  $\xi_1(\text{mod } 2\pi)$  instead of  $4\pi$ , cf. [16]. We take this point of view in Example 2 in Section 5, but for the theory to be developed in Sections 2 to 4 we prefer to unify notation and work on one and the same phase space  $M$ .

- (ii) Presently we thus consider persistence of parallel  $X$ -invariant  $n$ -tori  $T_y \subset M$  under  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariant perturbations of  $X$ . The corresponding quasi-periodic stability is stated in Corollary 5 of Section 2.3. While problematic constant contributions  $\beta\partial_z$  on  $M$  are ruled out by  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -equivariance, higher order terms determine how invariant tori  $\mathbb{T}^n \times \{y\} \times \{z(y)\}$  bifurcate off from  $T_y = \mathbb{T}^n \times \{y\} \times \{0\}$ .
- (iii) The resulting frequency halving (or quasi-periodic period-doubling) bifurcation scenarios are quasi-periodically stable in the dissipative [5] and Hamiltonian [21] settings and similarly reversible frequency-halving bifurcations may be expected to occur if appropriate non-degeneracy conditions on the higher order terms are fulfilled.

This paper fits in the framework of parametrised KAM theory [5, 7, 9, 10, 13, 21] that originates from Moser [31]; in fact we present a generalization of [11, 12, 14], as well as of [17, 22, 24]. We give explicit formulations for reversible vector fields, but the results remain valid for e.g. dissipative, Hamiltonian or volume-preserving systems, where equivariance is also optional. Our approach allows for normal-internal resonances (1.6) and (1.7) with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  fixed. The ensuing deformations of the linear behaviour coming from the perturbation are taken care of by considering a versal unfolding of the linear part  $\dot{z} = \Omega z$  of the unperturbed vector field, i.e., an unfolding that already contains all possible deformations. The necessary parameters are provided by  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ; the possibility that  $m \geq n$  distinguishes the reversible context from the Hamiltonian setting. An alternative is to let the system depend on external parameters  $\lambda$ , where variation of  $(y, \lambda)$  versally unfolds the linear part.

In [3, 40]<sup>1</sup> the second Mel'nikov condition ((1.2) with  $|\ell| = 2$ ) is avoided completely, i.e. also simultaneous normal-internal resonances (1.6) and (1.7) with differing  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  are allowed. The price to pay for this approach is that any control on the linear behaviour is completely lost. For instance, double eigenvalues  $\pm i\alpha_1 = \pm i\alpha_2$  generically unfold to a Krein collision, where an elliptic torus evolves a 4-dimensional normal direction of focus-focus type. Such changes cannot be captured without persistence of the (normal) linear behaviour.

### Remarks.

- (i) Adding appropriate non-linear terms to the unperturbed system the Krein collision results in a quasi-periodic reversible Hopf bifurcation, and the quasi-periodic stability of the whole bifurcation scenario could be shown in [7].
- (ii) In the reversible setting the resonance (1.3) may still be tractable by our methods, see Corollary 6 in Section 2 and Example 1 in Section 5. We expect quasi-periodic reversible pitchfork bifurcations to occur if appropriate non-degeneracy conditions on the higher order terms (as in [28, 29, 34] for the periodic case  $n = 1$ ) are fulfilled.
- (iii) Multiple normal-internal resonances (1.6) and (1.7) with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  fixed occur in a resonant quasi-periodic reversible Hopf bifurcation. In Example 2 in Section 5 we show persistence of the initial family of invariant  $n$ -tori. For  $n = 1$  the full bifurcation scenario has been addressed in [6] and it would be interesting to develop the extension from periodic to quasi-periodic orbits.

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<sup>1</sup>These papers consider Hamiltonian systems, but we expect the results to carry over to the reversible context.

When the integer vector  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^p$  has the form

$$\ell = (0, \dots, 0, l, 0, \dots, 0) \quad \text{with } l \in \mathbb{N} := \{l \in \mathbb{Z} \mid l \geq 1\} \quad (1.9)$$

then

$$\langle k, \omega \rangle + \langle \ell, \alpha \rangle = 0$$

is called a  $k:l$  resonance. In this generality one may pass to co-rotating co-ordinates on an  $l$ -fold covering space  $M = \mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^{2p}$ , where the deck group  $\mathbb{Z}_l$  is generated by

$$F_l : M \longrightarrow M, \quad (x, y, z) \mapsto (x_1 - \frac{2\pi}{l}, x_*, y, z_I, e^{\frac{2\pi i}{l}} z_{II}), \quad (1.10)$$

again using complex notation and thereby generalizing the above case  $l = 2$ .

On the covering space the  $k:l$  resonance  $\langle k, \omega \rangle + l\alpha_j = 0$  has turned into  $\alpha_j = 0$ . Under the ‘zeroeth Mel’nikov condition’ (i.e., (1.2) with  $|\ell| = 0$ ) we may normalize a given perturbation, pushing the torus symmetry  $(\xi, x) \mapsto \xi + x$  through the Taylor series of the perturbed vector field. Truncating the normal form yields a polynomial vector field

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x} &= \omega + f(y, z) & \dot{z}_{2j-1} &= \alpha_j z_{2j} + h_{2j-1}(y, z) \\ \dot{y} &= g(y, z) & \dot{z}_{2j} &= -\alpha_j z_{2j-1} + h_{2j}(y, z) \end{aligned}$$

with all monomials in  $h(y, z)$  of degree  $2^i(l-1)l^j$ ,  $i, j \in \mathbb{N}_0$  in the  $z$ -variables. In particular, the lowest order terms (in what concerns the resonance (1.9)) are of degree  $l-1$  and thus constant for  $l = 1$ , linear for  $l = 2$  and non-linear for  $l \geq 3$ . Correspondingly, only the case  $l = 1$  has to be excluded when proving quasi-periodic stability.

**Remark.** Appropriate higher order terms in the unperturbed vector field for  $l \geq 2$  lead to subharmonic bifurcations of order  $l$ , generalizing the frequency-halving bifurcation.

This paper is organized as follows. The next section contains a precise formulation of our results. We treat the cases of multiple eigenvalues and of resonances (1.9) with  $l \geq 2$  in a unified fashion, working in the latter case entirely in co-rotating co-ordinates on the covering space  $M$  of  $N$ . We include the possibility of several multiple eigenvalues, in particular a resulting zero eigenvalue (on the covering space) may have non-trivial multiplicity as well. In Section 3 the necessary versal unfoldings of the linear part  $\Omega$  are explicitly constructed. A proof of Theorem 3 constitutes Section 4, and we end with a concluding section containing two illustrative examples.

## 2 Perturbation problem

We work on the phase space  $M = \mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^{2p}$ , where  $\mathbb{T}^n = (\mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z})^n$  is the  $n$ -torus on which we use coordinates  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \pmod{2\pi}$ , while on  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\mathbb{R}^{2p}$  we use respectively  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_m)$  and  $z = (z_1, \dots, z_{2p})$ . In such coordinates a vector field on  $M$  takes the form

$$\dot{x} = f(x, y, z), \quad \dot{y} = g(x, y, z), \quad \dot{z} = h(x, y, z),$$

or in vector field notation:

$$X(x, y, z) = f(x, y, z)\partial_x + g(x, y, z)\partial_y + h(x, y, z)\partial_z. \quad (2.1)$$

We assume that the vector field  $X$  depends analytically on all variables, including possible parameters which we suppress for the moment; referring to [14, 24, 33] we note that our results remain valid when ‘analyticity’ is replaced by ‘a sufficiently high degree of differentiability’.

To define reversibility we consider an involution (i.e.  $G^2 = I$ )

$$G : M \longrightarrow M, \quad (x, y, z) \mapsto (-x, y, Rz), \quad (2.2)$$

with  $R \in \text{GL}(2p, \mathbb{R})$  a linear involution on  $\mathbb{R}^{2p}$  such that

$$\dim \text{Fix}(R) = \dim \{z \in \mathbb{R}^{2p} \mid Rz = z\} = p.$$

The vector field  $X$  is then called  $G$ -reversible (or reversible for short) if

$$G_*(X) = -X.$$

Using (2.1) this reversibility condition takes the explicit form

$$\begin{aligned} f(-x, y, Rz) &= f(x, y, z), \\ g(-x, y, Rz) &= -g(x, y, z), \\ h(-x, y, Rz) &= -Rh(x, y, z), \end{aligned}$$

valid for all  $(x, y, z) \in M$ .

Following [12, 13, 14, 24] the vector field  $X$  is called integrable if it is equivariant with respect to the group action

$$\mathbb{T}^n \times M \longrightarrow M, \quad (\xi, (x, y, z)) \mapsto (\xi + x, y, z)$$

of  $\mathbb{T}^n$  on  $M$ , or in other words, if the functions  $f$ ,  $g$  and  $h$  in (2.1) are independent of the  $x$ -variable(s). Such an integrable vector field

$$X(x, y, z) = f(y, z)\partial_x + g(y, z)\partial_y + h(y, z)\partial_z \quad (2.3)$$

is reversible if

$$f(y, Rz) = f(y, z), \quad g(y, Rz) = -g(y, z) \quad \text{and} \quad h(y, Rz) = -Rh(y, z) \quad (2.4)$$

for all  $(y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^{2p}$ ; this implies  $g(y, z) = 0$  for all  $(y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \text{Fix}(R)$ .

Now suppose that  $h(0, 0) = 0$ , i.e. the  $n$ -torus  $T_0 = \mathbb{T}^n \times \{0\} \times \{0\}$  is invariant under the flow of the vector field  $X$ . While it is always possible to translate a single given torus to  $T_0$ , it is an assumption on the system that this torus can be embedded in a whole family  $T_y = \mathbb{T}^n \times \{y\} \times \{0\}$  of invariant tori parametrised by  $y$ . This can be equivalently stated as

$$h(y, 0) = 0 \quad \text{for all } y \in \mathbb{R}^m, \quad (2.5)$$

and the non-degeneracy condition BHT(i) in Definition 1 (see below) ensures that this assumption can be justified. For each  $\epsilon > 0$  the scaling operator

$$\mathcal{D}_\epsilon : M \longrightarrow M, \quad (x, y, z) \mapsto \left(x, \frac{y}{\epsilon}, \frac{z}{\epsilon^2}\right) \quad (2.6)$$

commutes with  $G$  and with the  $\mathbb{T}^n$ -action on  $M$ , and hence preserves reversibility and integrability. Using (2.3) and the linearity of  $\mathcal{D}_\epsilon$  the push-forward  $(\mathcal{D}_\epsilon)_*X$  of  $X$  under  $\mathcal{D}_\epsilon$  takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{D}_\epsilon)_*X(x, y, z) &= \mathcal{D}_\epsilon(X(\mathcal{D}_\epsilon^{-1}(x, y, z))) \\ &= f(\epsilon y, \epsilon^2 z)\partial_x + \frac{1}{\epsilon}g(\epsilon y, \epsilon^2 z)\partial_y + \frac{1}{\epsilon^2}h(\epsilon y, \epsilon^2 z)\partial_z. \end{aligned}$$

We can use (2.4) to find that  $N(X) := \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} (\mathcal{D}_\epsilon)_*X$  is given by

$$N(X)(x, y, z) = \omega\partial_x + \Omega z\partial_z, \quad (2.7)$$

with

$$\omega = f(0, 0) \quad \text{and} \quad \Omega = D_z h(0, 0).$$

This makes (2.7) the dominant part of  $X$ , justifying our starting point (1.1) in the introduction. The vector field  $N(X)$  is again reversible and integrable; it is characterised by the frequency vector  $\omega = (\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  which describes the flow along the invariant tori  $T_y$ , and by the matrix  $\Omega \in \mathfrak{gl}(2p; \mathbb{R})$  which determines the linear flow in the  $z$ -direction normal to the family of invariant tori. Since  $\Omega$  does not depend on the angular variable  $x \in \mathbb{T}^n$  the vector field  $N(X)$  is in normal linear Floquet form.

The Floquet matrix  $\Omega$  is infinitesimally reversible, satisfying  $\Omega R = -R\Omega$  because of the reversibility of the vector field  $X$ . We denote the subspace of infinitesimally reversible linear operators on  $\mathbb{R}^{2p}$  by  $\mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$  and by  $\mathfrak{gl}_+(2p; \mathbb{R})$  the subspace of all  $R$ -equivariant linear operators on  $\mathbb{R}^{2p}$ , i.e.

$$\mathfrak{gl}_\pm(2p; \mathbb{R}) = \{\Omega \in \mathfrak{gl}(2p; \mathbb{R}) \mid \Omega R = \pm R\Omega\}.$$

Observe that if  $\mu \in \mathbb{C}$  is an eigenvalue of  $\Omega \in \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$  then so is  $-\mu$ . Hence, the eigenvalues of  $\Omega$  can be grouped into complex quartets, conjugate purely imaginary pairs  $\pm i\alpha$ , symmetric real pairs and the eigenvalue zero with even algebraic multiplicity.

## 2.1 Non-degeneracy conditions

The adjoint action of  $\mathrm{GL}(2p; \mathbb{R})$  on  $\mathfrak{gl}(2p; \mathbb{R})$  is defined in the usual way by

$$\mathrm{Ad} : \mathrm{GL}(2p; \mathbb{R}) \times \mathfrak{gl}(2p; \mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{gl}(2p; \mathbb{R}), \quad (A, \Omega) \mapsto \mathrm{Ad}(A) \cdot \Omega := A\Omega A^{-1}; \quad (2.8)$$

both  $\mathfrak{gl}_+(2p; \mathbb{R})$  and  $\mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$  are invariant under  $\mathrm{Ad}(A)$  if  $A \in \mathrm{GL}_+(2p; \mathbb{R})$ . Consequently we can consider the adjoint action of  $\mathrm{GL}_+(2p; \mathbb{R})$  on  $\mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$ , and the orbit

$$\mathcal{O}(\Omega_0) := \{\mathrm{Ad}(A) \cdot \Omega_0 \mid A \in \mathrm{GL}_+(2p; \mathbb{R})\}$$

of  $\Omega_0 \in \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$  under this action; since  $\mathrm{GL}_+(2p; \mathbb{R})$  is algebraic it follows that  $\mathcal{O}(\Omega_0)$  is a smooth submanifold of  $\mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$ . The tangent space at  $\Omega_0$  to this orbit is given by

$$T_{\Omega_0}\mathcal{O}(\Omega_0) = \{\mathrm{ad}(A) \cdot \Omega_0 = A\Omega_0 - \Omega_0 A \mid A \in \mathfrak{gl}_+(2p; \mathbb{R})\} = \mathrm{ad}(\Omega_0)(\mathfrak{gl}_+(2p; \mathbb{R})), \quad (2.9)$$

where we have used the fact that  $\text{ad}(A) \cdot \Omega = -\text{ad}(\Omega) \cdot A$  for all  $A, \Omega \in \mathfrak{gl}(2p; \mathbb{R})$ . An unfolding of  $\Omega_0$  is a smooth mapping

$$\Omega : \mathbb{R}^s \longrightarrow \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R}), \quad \mu \mapsto \Omega(\mu)$$

such that  $\Omega(0) = \Omega_0$ . An unfolding is versal if it is transverse to  $\mathcal{O}(\Omega_0)$  at  $\mu = 0$ , which requires that  $s \geq \text{codim } \mathcal{O}(\Omega_0)$ ; a versal unfolding with the minimal number of parameters (i.e. with  $s$  equal to the codimension of  $\mathcal{O}(\Omega_0)$  in  $\mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$ ) is called miniversal. Using the Implicit Function Theorem it is easily seen that given a miniversal unfolding  $\tilde{\Omega} : \mathbb{R}^s \longrightarrow \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$  of  $\Omega_0 \in \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$  we can write each  $\tilde{\Omega} \in \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$  near  $\Omega_0$  in the form  $\tilde{\Omega} = \text{Ad}(A) \cdot \Omega(\mu)$  for some  $(A, \mu) \in \mathfrak{gl}_+(2p; \mathbb{R}) \times \mathbb{R}^s$  close to  $(\text{Id}, 0)$  and depending smoothly on  $\tilde{\Omega}$ . In case all eigenvalues of  $\Omega_0$  are different from each other a miniversal unfolding amounts to simultaneously deforming the eigenvalues, see [14]. Our approach yields persistence results independent of the eigenvalue structure of  $\Omega_0$  (see [39] for some other step towards such general persistence results). For more details on versal, miniversal (or universal) unfoldings we refer to [1, 2, 19].

In order to define the non-degeneracy of (2.3) at the torus  $T_0 = \mathbb{T}^n \times \{0\} \times \{0\}$  we consider the subspaces

$$\mathcal{X}_{lin}^{\pm G} = \{\omega \partial_x + \Omega z \partial_z \mid \omega \in \mathbb{R}^n, \Omega \in \mathfrak{gl}_{\pm}(2p; \mathbb{R})\}$$

of the spaces  $\mathcal{X}^{-G}$  of all  $G$ -reversible vector fields on  $M$  and  $\mathcal{X}^{+G}$  of all  $G$ -equivariant vector fields, satisfying  $G_*(X) = +X$ . For  $X \in \mathcal{X}^{-G}$  the adjoint operator

$$\text{ad } N(X) : \mathcal{X} \longrightarrow \mathcal{X}, \quad Y \mapsto [N(X), Y]$$

maps  $\mathcal{X}^{\pm G}$  into  $\mathcal{X}^{\mp G}$ ; a similar statement is true for  $\mathcal{X}_{lin}^{\pm G}$ .

Our interest concerns purely  $G$ -reversible vector fields, and  $G$ -reversible vector fields that are furthermore equivariant with respect to (1.8), or more generally with respect to (1.10). To allow for a unified formulation of our results we define a reversing symmetry group  $\Sigma$  and a character (a group homomorphism)  $\chi : \Sigma \longrightarrow \{\pm 1\}$  as follows:

- (i) In the purely reversible case we set  $\Sigma := \{\text{id}, G\}$  and  $\chi(G) := -1$ .
- (ii) In the equivariant-reversible case we define  $\Sigma$  as the group generated by  $G$  and  $F_l$  (see (1.10)), and define  $\chi$  by  $\chi(G) := -1$  and  $\chi(F_l) := 1$ .

In both cases  $\Sigma$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_l$ , the dihedral group of order  $2l$ . When  $l = 1$  the generator  $F_1 = \text{Id}$  of course is superfluous. For both cases we put

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X}^+ &= \{X \in \mathcal{X} \mid E_*(X) = X \text{ for all } E \in \Sigma\} \\ \mathcal{X}^- &= \{X \in \mathcal{X} \mid E_*(X) = \chi(E)X \text{ for all } E \in \Sigma\} \end{aligned}$$

together with  $\mathcal{X}_{lin}^{\pm} = \mathcal{X}_{lin}^{\pm G} \cap \mathcal{X}^{\pm}$ . Furthermore we let  $\mathcal{B}^+$  and  $\mathcal{B}^-$  consist of the constant vector fields in  $\mathcal{X}^+$  and  $\mathcal{X}^-$ , respectively.

**Definition 1 (Broer, Huitema and Takens [14])** *The parametrised vector field  $X_\lambda$  with linearization  $N(X_\lambda)(x, y, z) = \omega(\lambda)\partial_x + \Omega(\lambda)z\partial_z$  is non-degenerate at  $\lambda = \lambda_0 \in \mathbb{R}^s$  if*

$$\text{BHT(i)} \quad \ker \text{ad } N(X_{\lambda_0}) \cap \mathcal{B}^+ = \{0\};$$



BHT(ii) at  $\lambda = \lambda_0$  the mapping  $(\omega, \Omega) : \mathbb{R}^s \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R}), \lambda \mapsto (\omega(\lambda), \Omega(\lambda))$  is transverse to  $\{\omega(\lambda_0)\} \times \mathcal{O}(\Omega(\lambda_0))$ .

The two non-degeneracy conditions BHT(i) and BHT(ii) generalize the condition that  $\text{ad } N(X_{\lambda_0})$  has to be invertible, a requirement that lies at the basis of Mel'nikov's conditions ((1.2) with  $|\ell| \neq 0$ ). One also speaks of BHT non-degeneracy. Compared to the formulation in [14], § 8a2 the requirement that  $\Omega(\lambda_0)$  have only simple eigenvalues is dropped. The extension to multiple normal frequencies was developed in [11, 17, 22] for invertible  $\Omega(\lambda_0)$ ; we return to the original formulation of BHT(i).

Property BHT(i) generalizes the invertibility condition required in the definition of non-degeneracy as it was formulated in [11, 12, 17, 22]. What is really needed for the proofs is the invertibility of the linear operator

$$\text{ad } N(X_{\lambda_0}) : \mathcal{B}^+ \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}^- \quad (2.10)$$

and since  $\dim \text{Fix}(R) = \dim \text{Fix}(-R)$  this is fully captured by BHT(i). Computing

$$\text{ad } N(X_{\lambda_0})(\beta \partial_z) = -\Omega(\lambda_0)\beta \partial_z \quad (2.11)$$

shows that this certainly holds true if  $\det \Omega(\lambda_0) \neq 0$ . However, the condition BHT(i) can still be satisfied if  $\det \Omega(\lambda_0) = 0$ , for example when  $\ker(\Omega(\lambda_0)) \subset \text{Fix}(-R)$ . The Floquet matrix  $\Omega(\lambda_0)$  may have zero eigenvalues as long as the corresponding eigenvectors do not lie in  $\mathcal{B}^+$ .

The condition BHT(i) is (together with  $h(0, 0) = 0$ ) also sufficient to justify the assumption (2.5), as follows. The symmetry property  $(F_l)_* X = X$  takes the explicit form

$$f(y, S_l z) = f(y, z), \quad g(y, S_l z) = g(y, z) \quad \text{and} \quad h(y, S_l z) = S_l h(y, z) \quad (2.12)$$

where

$$S_l(z) = S_l(z_I, z_{II}) = (z_I, e^{\frac{2\pi i}{l}} z_{II}).$$

Since  $\text{Fix}(e^{\frac{2\pi i}{l}}) = \{0\}$  ( $l \geq 2$ ), in the equivariant-reversible case this immediately implies  $h(y, z_I, 0) = 0$  and  $\mathcal{B} = \text{Fix}(S_l)$ . We therefore concentrate on the purely reversible case ( $\Sigma = \{\text{id}, G\}$ ), assuming that  $h(0, 0) = 0$  and that BHT(i) holds, with  $N(X_{\lambda_0}) = \omega_0 \partial_x + \Omega_0 z \partial_z$  and  $\Omega_0 = D_z h(0, 0) \in \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$ . Since  $h(y, Rz) = -Rh(y, z)$ , by (2.4), we can consider  $h$  as a mapping from  $\mathbb{R}^m \times \text{Fix}(R)$  into  $\text{Fix}(-R)$ . As such, the derivative  $D_z h(0, 0)$  is given by the restriction of  $\Omega_0$  to  $\text{Fix}(R)$ , considered as a linear mapping from  $\text{Fix}(R)$  into  $\text{Fix}(-R)$ . By our assumption BHT(i) and  $\dim \text{Fix}(R) = \dim \text{Fix}(-R)$  this derivative is an isomorphism, and by the Implicit Function Theorem there exists an analytic mapping  $\tilde{z} : \mathbb{R}^m \longrightarrow \text{Fix}(R)$  such that  $h(y, \tilde{z}(y)) = 0$  for all sufficiently small  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ; the reversibility by (2.4) implies  $g(y, \tilde{z}(y)) = 0$ . This gives us a family  $\mathbb{T}^n \times \{y\} \times \{\tilde{z}(y)\}$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$  of invariant tori which can be brought in a more convenient form by using the diffeomorphism

$$\Psi : M \longrightarrow M, (x, y, z) \mapsto (x, y, \tilde{z}(y) + z)$$

which is  $G$ -equivariant and commutes with the  $\mathbb{T}^n$ -action on  $M$ . Therefore the pull-back  $\Psi^*(X)$  is still  $G$ -reversible and integrable, while

$$\Psi^{-1}(\mathbb{T}^n \times \{y\} \times \{\tilde{z}(y)\}) = \mathbb{T}^n \times \{y\} \times \{0\}$$

is a  $\Psi^*(X)$ -invariant  $n$ -torus for each  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$  near 0.

**Remarks.**

- (i) Up to now, the condition  $\det \Omega_0 \neq 0$  was one of the central assumptions for normal linear stability in the general dissipative context as well as in the volume preserving, symplectic and reversible contexts. Replacing this condition by BHT(i) allows to extend the known theorems to the singular case of eigenvalue zero.
- (ii) Property BHT(i) is persistent under small variation of  $\lambda$  near  $\lambda_0$  because of the upper-semi-continuity of the mapping  $\lambda \mapsto \dim \ker \Omega(\lambda)$ .

Property BHT(ii) means that locally the frequency vector  $\omega(\lambda)$  varies diffeomorphically with  $\lambda$ , while ‘simultaneously’ the local family  $\lambda \mapsto \Omega(\lambda)$  is a versal unfolding of  $\Omega(\lambda_0)$  in the sense of [1, 2]. For earlier usage of this method in reversible KAM Theory, see [11, 12, 17]. Below, in Section 3 we develop an appropriate versal unfolding that depends linearly on  $\lambda$ .

## 2.2 Diophantine conditions

When trying to answer the persistence problem for  $T_y$  it is convenient to focus on (a sufficiently small neighbourhood of) each of the invariant tori  $T_\nu$  ( $\nu \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ) separately, considering the label  $\nu \in \mathbb{R}^m$  of the chosen torus as a parameter; formally this can be done by a localizing transformation, setting

$$y = \nu + y_{loc} \quad \text{and} \quad X_{loc}(x, y_{loc}, z; \nu) := X(x, \nu + y_{loc}, z). \quad (2.13)$$

This way we get a parametrised family of reversible and integrable vector fields, still on the same state space  $M$ ; in this localized situation we concentrate on the persistence in a small neighbourhood of the invariant torus  $T_0$ , corresponding to  $(y_{loc}, z) = (0, 0)$ . For simplicity we absorb the additional parameter  $\nu$  with the other parameters which we may have and we also drop the subscript ‘loc’.

The non-degeneracy condition BHT(ii) requires that  $s \geq n + \text{codim } \mathcal{O}(\Omega(\lambda_0))$ ; in case all parameters originate from a localization procedure this means that we should have  $m \geq n + \text{codim } \mathcal{O}(\Omega(\lambda_0))$ . Assume now that  $X_\lambda$  is non-degenerate at  $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{R}^s$ , and let  $(\omega_0, \Omega_0) := (\omega(\lambda_0), \Omega(\lambda_0))$ . Using a re-parametrisation and a parameter-dependent linear transformation in the  $z$ -space we may assume that the parameter  $\lambda$  takes the form  $\lambda = (\omega, \mu, \tilde{\mu})$  and belongs to a neighbourhood  $P$  of  $\lambda_0 := (\omega_0, 0, 0)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^c \times \mathbb{R}^{s-n-c}$ , while the dominant part of the vector field reads

$$N(X)(x, y, z, \omega, \mu, \tilde{\mu}) = \omega \partial_x + \Omega(\mu) z \partial_z, \quad (2.14)$$

where  $\Omega : \mathbb{R}^c \rightarrow \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$  is a given miniversal unfolding of  $\Omega_0$ . The  $\tilde{\mu}$ -part of the parameter does not appear in this expression for the (unperturbed) vector field  $X$ ; although it might appear explicitly in the perturbations it turns out that  $\tilde{\mu}$  plays no role at all in the further analysis. Therefore we suppress  $\tilde{\mu}$  from now on and just keep the essential parameters  $(\omega, \mu)$  and set  $s = n + c$ , with  $c = \text{codim } \mathcal{O}(\Omega(0))$ . The question of a particular choice for the miniversal unfolding  $\Omega(\mu)$  appearing in (2.14) is addressed in Section 3 below.

Recall that we addressed in the introduction normal-internal resonances with a single  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . To prevent further resonances (with different integer vectors) we now re-formulate (1.2). Introduce

for  $\Omega \in \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$  the normal frequency mapping  $\alpha : \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2p}$  where the components of  $\alpha(\Omega)$  are equal to the imaginary parts of the eigenvalues of  $\Omega \in \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$ . Higher multiplicities are taken into account by repeating each eigenvalue as many times as necessary.

**Definition 2** A pair  $(\omega, \Omega) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$  is said to satisfy a Diophantine condition if there exist constants  $\tau > n - 1$  and  $\gamma > 0$  such that

$$|\langle k, \omega \rangle + \langle \ell, \alpha(\Omega) \rangle| \geq \gamma |k|^{-\tau} \quad (2.15)$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}^{2p}$  with  $|\ell| \leq 2$ .

**Remarks.**

(i) For small  $\gamma > 0$  the Diophantine subset  $(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^{2p})_\gamma$  given by

$$\{(\omega, \alpha) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^{2p} \mid |\langle k, \omega \rangle + \langle \ell, \alpha \rangle| \geq \gamma |k|^{-\tau}, \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}, \forall \ell \in \mathbb{Z}^{2p} : |\ell| \leq 2\} \quad (2.16)$$

forms a nowhere dense subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^{2p}$  of large measure (e.g., see [14, 18]). The same remains true when in this statement we replace  $\mathbb{R}^{2p}$  by any subspace  $V$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{2p}$  which is defined by a finite number of equations of the form  $\alpha_i = 0$ ,  $\alpha_i = \alpha_j$  or  $\alpha_i = -\alpha_j$  ( $1 \leq i, j \leq 2p$ ,  $i \neq j$ ).

(ii) The condition (2.15) is independent of the way in which we have ordered the components of  $\alpha(\Omega)$ ; also, if  $(\omega, \Omega)$  satisfies (2.15) then the same is true for all  $(\omega, \tilde{\Omega})$  with  $\tilde{\Omega} \in \mathcal{O}(\Omega)$ .

(iii) Given a miniversal unfolding  $\Omega(\mu)$  of  $\Omega_0 = \Omega(0)$  we write  $\alpha(\mu)$  for the normal frequency vector  $\alpha(\Omega(\mu))$ . The parameter values  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^c$  for which all eigenvalues of  $\Omega(\mu)$  are simple form an open and dense subset of  $\mathbb{R}^c$ . The mapping  $\mu \mapsto \alpha(\mu)$  is at such parameter values a smooth submersion of  $\mathbb{R}^c$  onto an appropriate subspace  $V$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{2p}$  of the form mentioned in remark (i) (keeping in mind the eigenvalue structure of  $\Omega \in \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$ ).

(iv) Combining the remarks (ii) and (iii) we conclude that there is an open and dense subset of our parameter space  $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^s$  where the set

$$P_\gamma := \{(\omega, \mu) \in P \mid (\omega, \alpha(\mu)) \in (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^{2p})_\gamma\}$$

is nowhere dense but still of large measure; this measure increases by taking smaller values of  $\gamma$ . For simplicity we say that  $P_\gamma$  is a ‘Cantor set’.

Similarly, we define for each  $\Gamma \subset P$  the associated Diophantine subset

$$\Gamma_\gamma := \{\lambda \in \Gamma \mid (\omega(\lambda), \alpha(\Omega(\lambda))) \in (\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^{2p})_\gamma\}.$$

When  $\Gamma$  is a small neighbourhood of some  $\lambda_0 \in P$  where  $X$  is non-degenerate then  $\Gamma_\gamma$  is nowhere dense but with large measure (provided that  $\gamma$  is sufficiently small).

## 2.3 Main results

We are given a family of integrable vector fields

$$X(x, y, z, \omega, \mu) = [\omega + f(y, z, \omega, \mu)] \partial_x + g(y, z, \omega, \mu) \partial_y + [\Omega(\mu)z + h(y, z, \omega, \mu)] \partial_z \quad (2.17)$$

on the product  $M \times P$  of phase space  $M = \mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^m \times \mathbb{R}^{2p}$  and parameter space  $P \subseteq \mathbb{R}^s = \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^c$  with reversing symmetry group  $\Sigma$  generated by (2.2) and (1.10). For  $l = 1$  the latter is just the identity, but for  $l \geq 2$  the composition

$$H_l := F_l \circ G : M \longrightarrow M, \quad (x, y, z) \mapsto \left( \frac{2\pi}{l} - x_1, x_*, y, S_l R z \right), \quad (2.18)$$

is another reversing symmetry and one may also characterise the vector fields in  $\mathcal{X}^-$  as being reversible with respect to the two mappings  $G$  and  $H_l$ . Note that in this characterisation  $H_l$  may be replaced by  $F_l^i \circ G$  for any  $i$  relative prime to  $l$ .

The coefficient functions  $f, g$  and  $h$  entering  $X$  are higher order terms in  $z$ , satisfying  $f(y, 0, \omega, \mu) = g(y, 0, \omega, \mu) = h(y, 0, \omega, \mu) = D_z h(y, 0, \omega, \mu) = 0$  for all  $y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $(\omega, \mu) \in P$ . Within  $\mathcal{X}^-$  we consider perturbations  $Z$  of  $X$  and write

$$Z(x, y, z, \omega, \mu) = \left[ \omega + \tilde{f}(x, y, z, \omega, \mu) \right] \partial_x + \tilde{g}(x, y, z, \omega, \mu) \partial_y + \left[ \Omega(\mu)z + \tilde{h}(x, y, z, \omega, \mu) \right] \partial_z;$$

here the coefficient functions  $\tilde{f}, \tilde{g}$  and  $\tilde{h}$  may contain lower order terms but are close to  $f, g$  and  $h$ , respectively. As far as Diophantine tori are concerned our goal is to conjugate  $Z$  to  $X$ .

**Theorem 3** *Let  $X \in \mathcal{X}^-$  be a family of  $\Sigma$ -reversible integrable vector fields that is non-degenerate at  $\lambda_0 = (\omega_0, 0) \in P$ . Then there exists  $\gamma_0 > 0$  such that for all  $0 < \gamma < \gamma_0$  the following is true. There exists a neighbourhood  $\Gamma$  of  $\lambda_0$ , neighbourhoods  $\mathcal{Y}$  and  $\mathcal{Z}$  of the origin in respectively  $\mathbb{R}^m$  and  $\mathbb{R}^{2p}$ , and a neighbourhood  $\mathcal{U}$  of  $X$  in the compact-open topology on  $\mathcal{X}^-$  such that for each  $Z \in \mathcal{U}$  one can find a mapping  $\Phi : \mathbb{T}^n \times \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{Z} \times \Gamma \longrightarrow M \times P$  of the form*

$$\Phi(x, y, z, \omega, \mu) = \left( x + \tilde{U}(x, \omega, \mu), y + \tilde{V}(x, y, \omega, \mu), z + \tilde{W}(x, y, z, \omega, \mu), \omega + \tilde{\Lambda}_1(\omega, \mu), \mu + \tilde{\Lambda}_2(\omega, \mu) \right)$$

for which the following holds.

- (i) *The mapping  $\Phi$  is  $\Sigma$ -equivariant, real-analytic in the  $x$ -variable and normally affine in the  $y$  and  $z$  variables.*
- (ii) *The mapping  $\Phi$  is  $C^\infty$ -close to the identity and is a  $C^\infty$ -diffeomorphism onto its image.*
- (iii) *The restriction of  $\Phi$  to the Cantor set  $\mathbb{T}^n \times \{0\} \times \{0\} \times \Gamma_\gamma$  of Diophantine  $X$ -invariant tori conjugates  $X$  to  $Z$ . The restriction of  $\Phi$  to  $\mathbb{T}^n \times \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{Z} \times \Gamma_\gamma$  also preserves the normal linear behaviour to these invariant tori.*

In terms of [13, 14], the conclusion of Theorem 3 expresses that the family  $X$  is quasi-periodically stable, i.e., structurally stable on a union of (Diophantine) quasi-periodic tori. This allows to condense Theorem 3 to the statement that non-degenerate  $\Sigma$ -reversible integrable vector fields are quasi-periodically stable.<sup>2</sup> Quasi-periodic stability implies that for every small perturbation  $Z$

<sup>2</sup>In [11] one speaks of ‘normal linear stability’ instead.

there exists a  $Z$ -invariant ‘Cantor set’  $V \subset M \times P$  which is a  $C^\infty$ -near-identity diffeomorphic image of the foliation  $\mathbb{T}^n \times \{0\} \times \{0\} \times \Gamma_\gamma$  of  $n$ -tori. In the tori this diffeomorphism is an analytic conjugacy from  $X$  to  $Z$ , which also preserves the normal linear behaviour.

**Remarks.**

- (i) Theorem 3 generalizes the results on persistence of lower-dimensional tori in reversible systems in [11, 12, 13, 17, 24, 31, 37]; also compare with Corollary 4 below.
- (ii) The neighbourhood  $\Gamma$  depends on the choice of  $\gamma$ , the neighbourhoods  $\mathcal{Y}$  and  $\mathcal{Z}$  depend on  $\gamma$  and  $\Gamma$ , and the neighbourhood  $\mathcal{U}$  depends on  $\gamma$ ,  $\Gamma$ ,  $\mathcal{Y}$  and  $\mathcal{Z}$ .
- (iii) By considering different choices for  $\omega_0$  one can in the foregoing statement replace ‘a neighbourhood  $\Gamma$  of  $(\omega_0, 0)$  in  $P$ ’ by ‘a neighbourhood  $\Gamma$  of  $K \times \{0\}$  in  $P$ ’, where  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is any given bounded subset. Under appropriate conditions [13],  $K$  may also be unbounded.
- (iv) The condition that  $\Phi$  be a full conjugation from  $X$  to  $Z$  means that  $\Phi_*(X) = Z$ , or equivalently  $(\Phi^{-1})_*(Z) = X$ . What is actually proved is the existence of a local diffeomorphism  $\Phi$  such that

$$(\Phi^{-1})_*(Z)(x, y, x, \omega, \mu) = N(X)(x, y, z, \omega, \mu) + O(|y|, |z|)\partial_x + O(|y|, |z|^2)\partial_y + O(|y|, |z|^2)\partial_z \quad (2.19)$$

for all  $(\omega, \mu) \in P_\gamma$  which are sufficiently close to  $(\omega_0, 0)$ . The property (2.19) implies that for all parameter values  $(\omega, \mu)$  in the indicated Cantor set the  $X$ -invariant torus  $\mathbb{T}^n \times \{0\} \times \{0\}$  is mapped by  $\Phi$  into a  $Z$ -invariant torus on which the  $Z$ -flow is conjugate to the constant flow  $\omega\partial_x$  on  $\mathbb{T}^n$ . This means that a Cantor subset of large measure of the family  $\mathbb{T}^n \times \{0\} \times \{0\} \times P$  of  $X$ -invariant tori survives the perturbation to  $Z$ .

- (v) The preservation of the normal linear behaviour means that the normal linear vector fields  $N(X)$  and  $N(Z)$  along two corresponding invariant tori are conjugated by the derivative of the  $C^\infty$ -near-identity diffeomorphism.

In comparison to earlier results on persistence of lower-dimensional tori the condition that all eigenvalues be simple is dropped in Theorem 3 and the condition  $\det\Omega(0) \neq 0$  is weakened to BHT(i). Indeed, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 4 (Ciocci [17], Broer, Hoo and Naudot [11])** *Let the family  $X \in \mathcal{X}^-$  of  $G$ -reversible integrable vector fields satisfy the non-degeneracy condition BHT(ii) at  $\lambda_0 = (\omega_0, 0) \in P$ , with  $\Omega(0)$  invertible. Then  $X$  is quasi-periodically stable.*

Next to the above purely reversible case  $l = 1$  also the case  $l = 2$  of a reversing symmetry group  $\Sigma = \{\text{Id}, F, G, H\}$  merits an explicit formulation. Here  $H = H_2$  is given by (2.18) and yields

$$f(y, SRz) = f(y, z), \quad g(y, SRz) = -g(y, z) \quad \text{and} \quad h(y, SRz) = -SRh(y, z) \quad (2.20)$$

for integrable vector fields where  $S(z_I, z_{II}) = (z_I, -z_{II})$ . From (2.12) it follows that  $f, g$  are even in  $z$ , while  $h$  is odd in  $z$ . Moreover, (2.4) and (2.20) imply that  $g(y, z) = 0$  for all  $(y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \text{Fix}(R)$  and also for all  $(y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^m \times \text{Fix}(SR)$ .

**Corollary 5** *Let  $X \in \mathcal{X}^-$  be a family of  $G$ -reversible  $F$ -equivariant integrable vector fields that satisfies the non-degeneracy condition BHT(ii) at  $\lambda_0 = (\omega_0, 0) \in P$ , with  $\Omega(0)$  invertible on  $\text{Fix}(S)$ . Then  $X$  is quasi-periodically stable.*

**Remarks.**

- (i) Again we allow for multiple eigenvalues, in particular the eigenvalue 0 may have multiplicity larger than two.
- (ii) A similar statement holds in case of equivariance with respect to (1.10) instead of (1.8).
- (iii) In the covering setting of Section 1, we observe that the lift of an integrable vector field again is integrable. In fact, if  $\hat{X}$  is the lift to  $M$  of an integrable vector field  $X$  on  $N$ , then  $\Pi_*(\hat{X}) = X$  and  $F_*\hat{X} = \hat{X}$ .
- (iv) In case the second Mel'nikov condition is violated by a resonance (1.7) we can apply Corollary 5 on a 2:1 covering space. In Example 2 of Section 5 we do this for a double normal-internal resonance with fixed resonance vector  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ .

**Corollary 6** *Let  $X \in \mathcal{X}^-$  be a family of  $G$ -reversible integrable vector fields that satisfies the non-degeneracy condition BHT(ii) at  $\lambda_0 = (\omega_0, 0) \in P$ . If  $\ker \Omega(0)$  is contained in  $\text{Fix}(-R)$  then  $X$  is quasi-periodically stable.*

**Remarks.**

- (i) If  $\ker \Omega(0) \subseteq \text{Fix}(+R)$  we generically expect a quasi-periodic centre-saddle bifurcation to take place, cf. [20]. Here violations of the first Mel'nikov condition prevents persistence of the corresponding tori if not embedded in an appropriate bifurcation scenario.
- (ii) The scaling (2.6) also can be applied to non-integrable systems, making the non-integrable higher order terms a small perturbation. It is then not automatic that the resulting dominant part is in Floquet form, this is a necessary extra requirement that can be thought of as generalization of integrability under which quasi-periodic stability can still be achieved. For a more thorough discussion of these questions see [14].

### 3 Unfolding reversible linear operators

Let  $\Omega_0 \in \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$  be given; the aim of this section is to summarize some results from [17, 23, 27] which allow to describe a miniversal unfolding of  $\Omega_0$ , and to work out the details for two particular cases.

Let  $\Omega_0 = \mathcal{S}_0 + \mathcal{N}_0$  be the Jordan-Chevalley decomposition of  $\Omega_0$  into commuting semisimple and nilpotent parts. The uniqueness of this decomposition implies that both  $\mathcal{S}_0$  and  $\mathcal{N}_0$  belong to  $\mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$ . Also

$$\ker \text{ad}(\Omega_0) = \ker \text{ad}(\mathcal{S}_0) \cap \ker \text{ad}(\mathcal{N}_0), \tag{3.1}$$

as easily follows from the fact that  $\mathcal{S}_0$  and  $\mathcal{N}_0$  commute.

It is shown in [17, 27] that it is possible to construct a scalar product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  on  $\mathbb{R}^{2p}$  such that when we denote the transpose of any  $A \in \mathfrak{gl}(2p; \mathbb{R})$  with respect to this scalar product by  $A^T$  then the following holds:

- (i)  $R$  is orthogonal, i.e.  $R^T R = \text{id}$ ; since  $R^2 = \text{id}$  it follows that  $R$  is symmetric:  $R^T = R$ ;
- (ii)  $\ker \text{ad}(\mathcal{S}_0^T) = \ker \text{ad}(\mathcal{S}_0)$ .

It follows from (i) that for any  $\Omega \in \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$  also  $\Omega^T$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$ ; in particular, both  $\mathcal{S}_0^T$  and  $\mathcal{N}_0^T$  belong to  $\mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$ . Applying (3.1) to  $\Omega_0^T$  and using (ii) gives

$$\ker \text{ad}(\Omega_0^T) = \ker \text{ad}(\mathcal{S}_0) \cap \ker \text{ad}(\mathcal{N}_0^T). \quad (3.2)$$

The next step towards a miniversal unfolding of  $\Omega_0$  consists in defining a scalar product  $\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle$  on  $\mathfrak{gl}(2p; \mathbb{R})$  by

$$\langle\langle A, B \rangle\rangle := \text{trace}(A^T B) \quad \forall A, B \in \mathfrak{gl}(2p; \mathbb{R}), \quad (3.3)$$

where  $A^T$  is the transpose of  $A \in \mathfrak{gl}(2p; \mathbb{R})$  with respect to the scalar product in  $\mathbb{R}^{2p}$  which we just introduced. A simple calculation shows that for each  $A_0, A, B \in \mathfrak{gl}(2p; \mathbb{R})$  we have

$$\langle\langle \text{ad}(A_0) \cdot A, B \rangle\rangle = \langle\langle A, \text{ad}(A_0^T) \cdot B \rangle\rangle, \quad (3.4)$$

which means that the adjoint  $(\text{ad}(A_0))^*$  of  $\text{ad}(A_0) \in \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{gl}(2p; \mathbb{R}))$  with respect to  $\langle\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle\rangle$  is given by  $(\text{ad}(A_0))^* = \text{ad}(A_0^T) \in \mathcal{L}(\mathfrak{gl}(2p; \mathbb{R}))$ . Taking  $A_0 = \Omega_0 \in \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$ ,  $A \in \mathfrak{gl}_+(2p; \mathbb{R})$ ,  $B \in \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$ , and using the fact that both  $\text{ad}(\Omega_0)$  and  $\text{ad}(\Omega_0^T)$  map  $\mathfrak{gl}_\pm(2p; \mathbb{R})$  into  $\mathfrak{gl}_\mp(2p; \mathbb{R})$ , we deduce from (3.4) that  $(\text{ad}_+(\Omega_0))^* = \text{ad}_-(\Omega_0^T)$ ; here  $\text{ad}_+(\Omega_0)$  denotes the restriction of  $\text{ad}(\Omega_0)$  to  $\mathfrak{gl}_+(2p; \mathbb{R})$ , considered as a linear mapping from  $\mathfrak{gl}_+(2p; \mathbb{R})$  into  $\mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$ , while  $\text{ad}_-(\Omega_0^T)$  denotes the restriction of  $\text{ad}(\Omega_0^T)$  to  $\mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$ , considered as a linear mapping from  $\mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$  into  $\mathfrak{gl}_+(2p; \mathbb{R})$ .

We know from (2.9) that  $T_{\Omega_0} \mathcal{O}(\Omega_0) = \text{im}(\text{ad}_+(\Omega_0))$ , while a classical result from linear algebra in combination with the foregoing shows that

$$\mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R}) = \text{im}(\text{ad}_+(\Omega_0)) \oplus \ker((\text{ad}_+(\Omega_0))^*) = \text{im}(\text{ad}_+(\Omega_0)) \oplus \ker(\text{ad}_-(\Omega_0^T)). \quad (3.5)$$

This proves that the subspace  $\ker(\text{ad}_-(\Omega_0^T))$  of  $\mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$  forms a complement of the tangent space  $T_{\Omega_0} \mathcal{O}(\Omega_0)$  to the orbit through  $\Omega_0$ . Finally,  $\ker(\text{ad}_-(\Omega_0^T)) = \ker(\text{ad}_-(\mathcal{S}_0)) \cap \ker(\text{ad}_-(\mathcal{N}_0^T))$  by (3.2), and hence we obtain the following result.

**Theorem 7** *Let  $\Omega_0 \in \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$  be given, and let  $\Omega_0 = \mathcal{S}_0 + \mathcal{N}_0$  be the Jordan-Chevalley decomposition of  $\Omega_0$ . Then*

$$\Omega : \ker(\text{ad}_-(\mathcal{S}_0)) \cap \ker(\text{ad}_-(\mathcal{N}_0^T)) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R}), \quad A \mapsto \Omega_0 + A, \quad (3.6)$$

*forms a miniversal unfolding of  $\Omega_0 \in \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$ . In (3.6) the transpose must be taken with respect to a scalar product which satisfies the above requirements (i)-(ii).*

**Remark.** The dimension of  $\ker(\text{ad}_-(\Omega_0^T))$  is the codimension  $c$  of  $\Omega_0$ , in particular  $c = p$  if all eigenvalues of  $\Omega_0$  are different from 0 and from one another (whence it follows that  $\mathcal{N}_0 = 0$ ).

The unfolding  $\Omega(\mu)$  obtained in Theorem 7 (with  $\mu = A \in \ker(\text{ad}_-(\mathcal{S}_0)) \cap \ker(\text{ad}_-(\mathcal{N}_0^T))$ ) is such that  $\Omega(\mu)$  commutes with the semisimple part  $\mathcal{S}_0$  of  $\Omega_0$ , i.e.  $\Omega(\mu)$  is in the centralizer of  $\mathcal{S}_0$ . In the present context of linear systems one calls such an unfolding a linear centralizer unfolding (LCU for short). Also note that  $\Omega(\mu) - \Omega_0$  is linear in the unfolding parameters.

For the convenience of the reader we now explicitly work out a linear centralizer unfolding (3.6) for three particular choices of  $(\Omega_0, R)$ .

### 3.1 Unfolding multiple non-zero normal frequencies

For our first example we assume that  $\Omega_0 \in \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$  has a  $1 : 1 : \dots : 1$  resonance (or  $p$ -fold resonance), meaning that  $\Omega_0$  has a pair of purely imaginary eigenvalues, say  $\pm i$ , with algebraic multiplicity  $p$ ; we furthermore assume that we are in the generic situation, with geometric multiplicity 1. Then  $\mathcal{S}_0^2 = -\text{id}$ , and  $\mathcal{S}_0$  generates together with  $R$  a finite group. Since  $\mathcal{S}_0$  is non-singular and maps  $\text{Fix}(\pm R)$  into  $\text{Fix}(\mp R)$  every subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^{2p}$  which is invariant under both  $\mathcal{S}_0$  and  $R$  must be even-dimensional and can be written as the direct sum of a subspace of  $\text{Fix}(R)$  and a subspace of  $\text{Fix}(-R)$ , both with the same dimension.

The assumptions also imply that  $\mathcal{N}_0^j \neq 0$  for  $1 \leq j \leq p-1$ , while  $\mathcal{N}_0^p = 0$ ; moreover,  $\dim \ker(\mathcal{N}_0) = 2$  and  $\dim \ker(\mathcal{N}_0^p) = 2p$ . The subspaces  $\ker(\mathcal{N}_0^j)$  ( $1 \leq j \leq p$ ) form a strictly increasing sequence of subspaces invariant under  $\mathcal{S}_0$  and  $R$ , with  $\dim \ker(\mathcal{N}_0^j) - \dim \ker(\mathcal{N}_0^{j-1}) = 2$ . Let  $U_p$  be a complement of  $\ker(\mathcal{N}_0^{p-1})$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{2p}$  which is invariant under  $\mathcal{S}_0$  and  $R$ , and let  $U_j := \mathcal{N}_0^{p-j}(U_p)$  for  $1 \leq j < p$ . Then

$$\ker(\mathcal{N}_0^j) = U_1 \oplus U_2 \oplus \dots \oplus U_j,$$

in particular  $\mathbb{R}^{2p} = U_1 \oplus U_2 \oplus \dots \oplus U_p$ . Moreover,  $\dim U_j = 2$  and  $\mathcal{N}_0$  is an isomorphism of  $U_j$  onto  $U_{j-1}$ . Each  $U_j$  is invariant under  $\mathcal{S}_0$  and  $R$  and

$$U_j = (U_j \cap \text{Fix}(R)) \oplus (U_j \cap \text{Fix}(-R))$$

is the splitting in 1-dimensional subspaces of  $\text{Fix}(R)$  and  $\text{Fix}(-R)$ . Finally we choose as follows a basis  $\{u_j^+, u_j^-\}$  of  $U_j$ : let  $u_p^+$  be a non-zero vector of  $U_p \cap \text{Fix}(R)$ , let  $u_p^- := -\mathcal{S}_0 u_p^+$ , and then set  $u_{j-1}^+ := \mathcal{N}_0 u_j^-$  and  $u_{j-1}^- := -\mathcal{N}_0 u_j^+$  for  $2 \leq j \leq p$ . With respect to the basis  $\{u_1^+, u_1^-, u_2^+, u_2^-, \dots, u_p^+, u_p^-\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{2p}$  the linear operators  $\Omega_0$  and  $R$  have the matrix form

$$\Omega_0 = \begin{pmatrix} J_2 & J_2 & O_2 & \dots & O_2 \\ O_2 & J_2 & J_2 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & O_2 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & J_2 \\ O_2 & \dots & \dots & O_2 & J_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R = \begin{pmatrix} R_2 & O_2 & O_2 & \dots & O_2 \\ O_2 & R_2 & O_2 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & O_2 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & O_2 \\ O_2 & \dots & \dots & O_2 & R_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.7)$$

with

$$J_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad O_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad R_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.8)$$



Using the standard scalar product associated with this basis we see that  $\mathcal{S}_0$  is anti-symmetric and  $R$  symmetric; hence this scalar product satisfies the above requirements (i)-(ii), and we can use the foregoing general results to determine a miniversal unfolding of  $\Omega_0$ .

From (3.7) and (3.8) one can make some further observations:

- (i) If  $A \in \ker(\text{ad}_-(\mathcal{S}_0))$  and  $A(U_j) \subset U_j$  then there exist some  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $A(u_j) = \mu \mathcal{S}_0 u_j$  for all  $u_j \in U_j$ ;
- (ii)  $\mathcal{N}_0^T(U_j) = U_{j+1}$  for  $1 \leq j \leq p-1$ , and  $\mathcal{N}_0^T(U_p) = \{0\}$ ;
- (iii)  $\mathcal{N}_0^j (\mathcal{N}_0^T)^j$  equals the identity on  $U_{p-j}$  for  $1 \leq j \leq p-1$ .

We now use these observations to compute an LCU of  $\Omega_0$ .

**Lemma 8** *Fix an  $A \in \ker(\text{ad}_-(\mathcal{S}_0)) \cap \ker(\text{ad}_-(\mathcal{N}_0^T))$ . Then there exist constants  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_p \in \mathbb{R}$  such that if we set*

$$A_j := A - \sum_{i=1}^j \mu_i \mathcal{S}_0^i (\mathcal{N}_0^T)^{i-1}, \quad (1 \leq j \leq p),$$

then  $A_j(U_{p-i}) = \{0\}$  for  $1 \leq j \leq p$  and  $0 \leq i \leq j-1$ . In the particular case that  $j = p$  we have

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^p \mu_i \mathcal{S}_0^i (\mathcal{N}_0^T)^{i-1}. \quad (3.9)$$

**Proof.** We use induction on  $j$ . Since  $A$  commutes with  $\mathcal{N}_0^T$  it maps  $U_p = \ker(\mathcal{N}_0^T)$  into itself; by observation (i) it follows that there exists some constant  $\mu_1 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $A(u_p) = \mu_1 \mathcal{S}_0(u_p)$  for all  $u_p \in U_p$ . This proves the claim for  $j = 1$ . Next suppose that the claim is satisfied for some  $j$  with  $1 \leq j \leq p-1$ . Then  $\mathcal{N}_0^T A_j(U_{p-j}) = A_j(\mathcal{N}_0^T(U_{p-j})) = A_j(U_{p-j+1}) = \{0\}$ , by observation (ii) and the induction hypothesis. It follows that  $A_j(U_{p-j}) \subset U_p$  and  $A_j \mathcal{N}_0^j \mathcal{S}_0^{-j}(U_p) \subset U_p$ ; by observation (i) there exists some  $\mu_{j+1} \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $A_j \mathcal{N}_0^j \mathcal{S}_0^{-j}(u_p) = \mu_{j+1} \mathcal{S}_0(u_p)$  for all  $u_p \in U_p$ . Setting  $u_p = (\mathcal{N}_0^T)^j(u_{p-j})$  for some  $u_{p-j} \in U_{p-j}$  and using observation (iii) shows that  $A_{j+1}(U_{p-j}) = \{0\}$ ; since obviously  $A_{j+1}(U_{p-i}) = \{0\}$  for  $0 \leq i \leq j-1$  this proves the claim for  $j+1$ .  $\square$

Combining (3.7) and (3.9) an LCU of  $\Omega_0$  takes the explicit form

$$\Omega(\mu) = \Omega_0 + \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \mathbf{J}_2 & \mathbf{O}_2 & \mathbf{O}_2 & \dots & \mathbf{O}_2 \\ \mu_2 \mathbf{J}_2 & \mu_1 \mathbf{J}_2 & \mathbf{O}_2 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \mathbf{O}_2 \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \ddots & \mathbf{O}_2 \\ \mu_p \mathbf{J}_2 & \dots & \dots & \mu_2 \mathbf{J}_2 & \mu_1 \mathbf{J}_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3.10)$$

with unfolding parameters  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_p \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Remarks.**

- (i) This construction invariably leads to the same LCU, we therefore speak from now on of *the* LCU.

(ii) Writing a general element  $A \in \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p, \mathbb{R})$  in block form

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,1} & \cdots & A_{1,p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{p,1} & \cdots & A_{p,p} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{with } A_{i,j} \in \mathfrak{gl}(2, \mathbb{R}),$$

it is easy to verify that  $A \in \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p, \mathbb{R})$  if and only if  $R_2 A_{i,j} R_2 = -A_{i,j}$ , i.e. if and only if each of the  $2 \times 2$  matrices  $A_{i,j}$  have the form

$$A_{i,j} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a_{i,j} \\ b_{i,j} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad a_{i,j}, b_{i,j} \in \mathbb{R}, \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq 2p.$$

(iii) In case all eigenvalues of  $\Omega_0 \in \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$  are purely imaginary, non-zero and with geometric multiplicity 1, the LCU of  $\Omega_0$  can be obtained by considering the different pairs of eigenvalues  $\pm i\alpha_j$ , multiplying (3.10) with  $\alpha_j$  (using for each  $j$  the appropriate dimension and a new set of parameters), and juxtaposing the obtained unfoldings as blocks along the diagonal.

### 3.2 Unfolding multiple eigenvalue zero

For our second and third example we assume that  $\Omega_0 \in \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$  has 0 as an eigenvalue with geometric multiplicity 1 and algebraic multiplicity  $2p$ ; then  $\mathcal{S}_0 = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{N}_0 = \Omega_0$ ,  $\mathcal{N}_0^j \neq 0$  for  $1 \leq j < 2p$ , and  $\mathcal{N}_0^{2p} = 0$ . The subspaces  $\ker(\mathcal{N}_0^j)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq 2p$  are invariant under  $R$ ; they form a strictly increasing sequence, with  $\dim \ker(\mathcal{N}_0^j) - \dim \ker(\mathcal{N}_0^{j-1}) = 1$ . Let  $U_{2p}$  be an  $R$ -invariant complement of  $\ker(\mathcal{N}_0^{2p-1})$  in  $\mathbb{R}^{2p}$ , and let  $U_j := \mathcal{N}_0^{2p-j}(U_{2p})$  for  $1 \leq j < 2p$ . Then

$$\ker(\mathcal{N}_0^j) = U_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus U_j \quad \text{for all } 1 \leq j \leq 2p,$$

in particular  $\mathbb{R}^{2p} = U_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus U_{2p}$ . Each of the subspaces  $U_j$  is  $R$ -invariant and one-dimensional, and  $\mathcal{N}_0(U_j) = U_{j-1}$ . We obtain a basis  $\{u_j \mid 1 \leq j \leq 2p\}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^{2p}$  by choosing  $u_{2p} \in U_{2p}$  nonzero and setting  $u_j := \mathcal{N}_0^{2p-j}(u_{2p})$  for  $1 \leq j < 2p$ . With respect to this basis  $\Omega_0 = \mathcal{N}_0$  is a classical nilpotent Jordan matrix with 1's above the diagonal. The matrix form of  $R$  depends on whether  $U_{2p} \subset \text{Fix}(R)$  or  $U_{2p} \subset \text{Fix}(-R)$ , leaving us with two cases. If  $U_{2p} \subset \text{Fix}(-R)$  then  $\ker(\mathcal{N}_0) \subset \text{Fix}(R)$  and  $R$  has the same matrix form as in (3.7), in case  $U_{2p} \subset \text{Fix}(R)$  then  $\ker(\mathcal{N}_0) \subset \text{Fix}(-R)$  and the matrix form of  $R$  equals minus the expression in (3.7). Finally, using the standard scalar product associated with the chosen basis we see that in both cases  $R$  is symmetric, hence orthogonal, and since  $\mathcal{S}_0 = 0$  the requirements (i)-(ii) for the scalar product are again satisfied.

To determine the LCU of  $\Omega_0$  we first consider some  $A \in \ker(\text{ad}(\mathcal{N}_0^T))$ ; adapting the argument used for the preceding example one easily shows that  $A$  can be written as  $A = \sum_{j=1}^{2p} \nu_j (\mathcal{N}_0^T)^{j-1}$ , with some constants  $\nu_j \in \mathbb{R}$  ( $1 \leq j \leq 2p$ ). Imposing the further condition that  $A \in \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p; \mathbb{R})$  gives  $\nu_j = 0$  for  $j$  odd; setting  $\mu_j := \nu_{2j}$  for  $1 \leq j \leq p$  we obtain then the following LCU:

$$\Omega(\mu) = \Omega_0 + \sum_{j=1}^p \mu_j (\mathcal{N}_0^T)^{2j-1}, \quad \mu = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_p) \in \mathbb{R}^p.$$



The homological equation reads

$$\text{ad } N(X)(\Psi) = L + N \quad (4.1)$$

with

$$L_{\sigma,\nu}(\xi, \eta, \zeta) = \{Z - X\}_{lin,d} \quad \text{and} \quad N_{\sigma,\nu}(\xi, \eta, \zeta) = \Lambda_1(\sigma, \nu)\partial_\xi + \Omega(\Lambda_2(\sigma, \nu))\zeta\partial_\zeta$$

and determines the unknown  $U, V, W, \Lambda_1$  and  $\Lambda_2$  according to

$$\begin{aligned} U_\xi\sigma &= \Lambda_1 + \tilde{f} \\ V_\xi\sigma + V_\zeta\Omega(\nu)\zeta &= \tilde{g} + \tilde{g}_\eta\eta + \tilde{g}_\zeta\zeta \\ W_\xi\sigma + [\Omega(\nu)\zeta, W] &= \Omega(\Lambda_2)\zeta + \tilde{h} + \tilde{h}_\zeta\zeta. \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

Here  $U, V, W, \tilde{f}, \tilde{g}, \tilde{h}$  and their derivatives depend on  $(\xi, 0, 0, \sigma, \nu)$ . Moreover, greek subscripts denote derivatives, while  $U_\xi\sigma = \sum_{j=1}^n U_{\xi_j}\sigma_j$  and similarly for  $V$  and  $W$ . These linear equations are solved by suitably truncated Fourier series. Note that the left hand side of (4.2) consists of the components of the vector field  $\text{ad } N(X_{\sigma,\nu})(\Psi)$ , where

$$N(X_{\sigma,\nu})(\xi, \eta, \zeta) = \sigma\partial_\xi + \Omega(\nu)\zeta\partial_\zeta.$$

For a given  $Z$  (and hence  $L$ ), the goal is to find  $\Psi \in \mathcal{X}_{lin,d}^+$  and  $N \in \ker \text{ad } N(X)^T \subseteq \mathcal{X}_{lin,d}^+$  so that the homological equation (4.1) is satisfied. Here,  $\mathcal{X}_{lin,d}^+ = \mathcal{X}_{lin}^+ \cap \mathcal{X}_d^+$  denotes the intersection set of the Taylor and Fourier truncations of vector fields in  $\mathcal{X}^+$ .

We make the ansatz

$$V(\xi, \eta, \zeta, \sigma, \nu) = V_0 + V_1\eta + V_2\zeta \quad \text{and} \quad W(\xi, \eta, \zeta, \sigma, \nu) = W_0 + W_1\eta + W_2\zeta \quad (4.3)$$

for the unknown  $\Psi$ , where  $V_j$  and  $W_j$  ( $j = 0, 1, 2$ ) depend on  $\xi$  and on the multiparameter  $(\sigma, \nu)$ . Fourier expanding in  $\xi$  and comparing coefficients in (4.2) yields the following equations for an explicit (formal) construction of  $\Psi$ . To avoid clumsy notation we suppress the dependence on  $(\sigma, \nu)$ .

For  $k \neq 0$ , equation (4.2) implies

$$i\langle k, \sigma \rangle U_k = \tilde{f}_k \quad (4.4)$$

$$i\langle k, \sigma \rangle V_{0,k} = \tilde{g}_k, \quad (4.5)$$

$$i\langle k, \sigma \rangle V_{1,k} = (\tilde{g}_\eta)_k \quad (4.6)$$

$$[i\langle k, \sigma \rangle \text{Id} + \Omega(\nu)] V_{2,k} = (\tilde{g}_\zeta)_k \quad (4.7)$$

$$[i\langle k, \sigma \rangle \text{Id} - \Omega(\nu)] W_{0,k} = \tilde{h}_k \quad (4.8)$$

$$[i\langle k, \sigma \rangle \text{Id} - \Omega(\nu)] W_{1,k} = (\tilde{h}_\eta)_k \quad (4.9)$$

$$[i\langle k, \sigma \rangle \text{Id} - \text{ad } \Omega(\nu)] W_{2,k} = (\tilde{h}_\zeta)_k \quad (4.10)$$

and, similarly, for  $k = 0$

$$-\Lambda_1 = \tilde{f}_0 \quad (4.11)$$

$$\Omega(\nu)V_{2,0} = (\tilde{g}_\zeta)_0 \quad (4.12)$$

$$-\Omega(\nu)W_{0,0} = \tilde{h}_0 \quad (4.13)$$

$$-\Omega(\nu)W_{1,0} = (\tilde{h}_\eta)_0 \quad (4.14)$$

$$-\text{ad } \Omega(\nu)W_{2,0} - \Omega(\Lambda_2) = (\tilde{h}_\zeta)_0. \quad (4.15)$$

On the one hand, it is clear by the Diophantine conditions that for  $k \neq 0$  none of the coefficients at the right hand sides of (4.4)-(4.9) is in the kernel, i.e. none of the eigenvalues  $i\langle k, \sigma \rangle$ ,  $i\langle k, \sigma \rangle \pm \lambda_j$ , with  $\lambda_j$  eigenvalue of  $\Omega(\nu)$  are zero. For  $k = 0$ , the equations (4.12)-(4.14) are solvable by the non-degeneracy condition BHT(i) since the right hand sides lie in  $\mathcal{B}^-$ . The so-called solvability condition (4.11) determines the  $\partial_\xi$ -component

$$\Lambda_1(\sigma, \nu) = -\frac{1}{(2\pi)^n} \int_{\mathbb{T}^n} \tilde{f}(\xi, 0, 0, \sigma, \nu) d\xi$$

of  $N$  in (4.1). Turning our attention to equation (4.10), we see that it admits the solution

$$W_{2,k} = [i\langle k, \sigma \rangle \text{Id} - \text{ad } \Omega(\nu)]^{-1} (\tilde{h}_\xi)_k$$

if and only if the operator  $[i\langle k, \sigma \rangle \text{Id} - \text{ad } \Omega(\nu)]$  is invertible, which boils down to the condition

$$i\langle k, \sigma \rangle \neq \lambda_j - \lambda_l$$

on the spectrum of  $\text{ad } \Omega(\nu)$ , where  $\lambda_j$  is an eigenvalue of  $\Omega(\nu)$ . This inequality is the second Mel'nikov condition and again guaranteed by the Diophantine conditions. For  $k = 0$  the splitting

$$\text{im}(\text{ad}_+(\Omega_0)) \oplus \ker(\text{ad}_-(\Omega_0^T)) = \mathfrak{gl}_-(2p, \mathbb{R}), \quad (4.16)$$

see Section 3, lies at the basis of solving equation (4.15). Indeed, the non-degeneracy condition BHT(ii) guarantees that we may choose the LCU for  $\Omega$ . Using the Implicit Function Theorem and the fact that  $\Omega$  (by construction) is an isomorphism between parameter spaces, it follows that (4.15) admits the solution

$$\Lambda_2(\sigma, \nu) = \Omega^{-1} \left( -\pi \left( \tilde{h}_{\zeta,0} + \text{ad } \Omega(\nu) W_{2,0} \right) \right), \quad (4.17)$$

where the mapping  $\pi$  denotes the projection of  $\mathfrak{gl}_-(n, \mathbb{R})$  onto the subspace  $\ker(\text{ad}_-(\Omega_0^T))$  according to the splitting (4.16). Compare with [17], Lemma 8.1.

## 5 Conclusions

The proof in the previous section is formulated in terms of filtered Lie algebras and therefore exceeds the reversible setting, carrying over to other contexts that can be formulated in these terms, notably the dissipative, volume preserving and Hamiltonian contexts; possibly combined with equivariance, cf. [11, 13]. In the Hamiltonian case this answers a conjecture formulated in [21] to the positive. For dissipative systems this has already been used in [5] when proving quasi-periodic stability of the frequency-halving bifurcation scenario. We expect that appropriate higher order terms in (2.17) allow to obtain a similar result for reversible systems.

**Example 1 (Quasi-periodic response solutions)** To show how to check the appropriate assumptions we consider the simple example of a 1-parameter family of quasi-periodically forced oscillators

$$\ddot{z} = f_\mu(t, z, \dot{z}) = h_\mu(t, \omega t, z, \dot{z}), \quad (5.1)$$

with a fixed frequency  $\omega$ , for instance we take  $\omega = \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{5} - 1)$  (the golden mean number). The forcing  $h_\mu$  is  $2\pi$ -periodic in the first two arguments. The search is for quasi-periodic response solutions with this same frequency vector  $(1, \omega)$ .

Putting  $z_1 = z$ ,  $z_2 = \dot{z}$  we can rewrite (5.1) as an autonomous system

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= 1 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= \omega \\ \dot{z}_1 &= z_2 \\ \dot{z}_2 &= h_\mu(x, z) = \bar{h}_\mu(z) + \tilde{h}_\mu(x, z)\end{aligned}$$

on  $\mathbb{T}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2$  where we split  $h_\mu$  into the average  $\bar{h}_\mu$  over  $\mathbb{T}^2 \times \{z\}$  and the oscillating part  $\tilde{h}_\mu = h_\mu - \bar{h}_\mu$ . The integrable vector field  $X_\mu$  given by

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{x}_1 &= 1 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= \omega \\ \dot{z}_1 &= z_2 \\ \dot{z}_2 &= \bar{h}_\mu(z)\end{aligned}$$

has invariant 2-tori for all  $z_1 \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $\bar{h}_\mu(z_1, 0) = 0$ . These correspond to response solutions of the forced oscillator.

Note that we allowed for  $h_\mu$  to depend explicitly on  $z_2$  whence  $z_2 \mapsto -z_2$  is not a reversing symmetry. We impose the system to be reversible with respect to

$$(x_1, x_2, z_1, z_2) \mapsto (-x_1, -x_2, -z_1, z_2),$$

in particular  $\bar{h}_\mu$  depends on  $z_1$  only through  $z_1^2$  and we concentrate on the invariant torus at  $z = 0$ . The dominant part

$$N(X_\mu) = \partial_{x_1} + \omega \partial_{x_2} + \Omega(\mu) z \partial_z$$

has the parameter-dependent  $2 \times 2$  matrix

$$\Omega(\mu) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \partial_1 \bar{h}_\mu(0) & \partial_2 \bar{h}_\mu(0) \end{pmatrix}$$

which is invertible whenever  $\partial_1 \bar{h}_\mu(0) \neq 0$ . However, the non-degeneracy condition BHT(i) is also fulfilled if  $\partial_1 \bar{h}_\mu(0) = 0$  since the eigenvector to the resulting eigenvalue 0 is not invariant under the involution

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

From this we conclude that condition BHT(i) is always satisfied.

The non-degeneracy condition BHT(ii) is satisfied when

$$\frac{d}{d\mu} \partial_1 \bar{h}_\mu(0) \neq 0. \tag{5.2}$$

Thus, the system is BHT non-degenerate as soon as (5.2) holds true. Therefore, given this by Corollary 6, if the oscillating part  $\tilde{h}$  is sufficiently small, the forced oscillator (5.1) has a response solution near  $z = 0$ , with linear behaviour changing where  $\partial_1 \bar{h}_\mu(0)$  passes through zero.  $\square$

**Remarks.**

- (i) Earlier for the existence of a response solution as an extra requirement the condition  $\partial_1 \bar{h}_\mu(0) \neq 0$  was needed [11, 12, 13, 30, 31].
- (ii) The stability change of the response solution as  $\partial_1 \bar{h}_\mu(0)$  passes through zero leads in the periodic case to additional periodic solutions bifurcating off from  $z = 0$ , cf. [28, 29, 34]. We expect such bifurcations to carry over to the quasi-periodic case.

We now return to the setting of the introduction where a normal-internal resonance (1.9) with  $l = 2$  led to a perturbation problem on a 2:1 covering space. The next example shows how the normally linear vector fields on the covering and the base-space relate to one another.

**Example 2 (Multiple normal-internal resonance)** On the phase space

$$N = \mathbb{T}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^4 = \{x, y, z\}$$

we consider the normally linear vector field

$$Y = 2\partial_{x_1} + \omega\partial_{x_2} + \Omega(\mu)z\partial_z$$

with

$$\Omega(\mu) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 - \mu_1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 + \mu_1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -\mu_2 & 0 & 0 & -1 - \mu_1 \\ 0 & -\mu_2 & 1 + \mu_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where we think of the parameters  $\nu = (\omega, \mu) \in \mathbb{R}^3$  as been obtained from  $y \in \mathbb{R}^3$  by localization (2.13). The eigenvalues  $\pm i(1 + \mu_1) \pm \sqrt{-\mu_2}$  of  $\Omega(\mu)$  yield at  $\mu = 0$  the normal frequency  $\alpha = \pm i$  that has two normal-internal resonances (1.6) and (1.7) with the same  $k = (1, 0) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ . Complexifying both  $\zeta_I \cong \zeta_1 + i\zeta_2$  and  $\zeta_{II} \cong \zeta_3 + i\zeta_4$  on the covering space

$$\hat{N} = \mathbb{R}/(4\pi\mathbb{Z}) \times \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^4 = \{\xi_1, \xi_2, \eta, \zeta\}$$

we have the covering mapping

$$\Pi : \hat{N} \longrightarrow N, \quad (\xi_1, \xi_2, \eta, \zeta) \mapsto (\xi_1 \bmod(2\pi\mathbb{Z}), \xi_2, \eta, \text{diag}[e^{\frac{1}{2}i\xi_1}] \zeta). \quad (5.3)$$

This leads to the deck transformation

$$F : \hat{N} \longrightarrow \hat{N}, \quad (\xi_1, \xi_2, \eta, \zeta) \mapsto (\xi_1 - 2\pi, \xi_2, \eta, -\zeta)$$

and the lifted vector field

$$\hat{Y} = \hat{\omega}_1\partial_{\xi_1} + \omega_2\partial_{\xi_2} + \hat{\Omega}(\mu)\zeta\partial_\zeta$$

on  $\hat{N}$  satisfying  $\Pi_*\hat{Y} = Y$ . In this setting  $\dot{\xi}_1 = \dot{x}_1$ , implying that  $\hat{\omega}_1 = 2$  and the corresponding periods are  $\hat{T}_1 = 2\pi$  and  $T_1 = \pi$ , so  $\hat{T}_1 = 2T_1$  as should be expected.

Regarding the Floquet matrices  $\Omega$  and  $\hat{\Omega}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{z} &= \text{diag} \left[ \frac{1}{2} i \dot{\xi}_1 e^{\frac{1}{2} i \xi_1} \right] \zeta + \text{diag} \left[ e^{\frac{1}{2} i \xi_1} \right] \dot{\zeta} \\
&= \text{diag} \left[ e^{\frac{1}{2} i \xi_1} \right] \left( \frac{1}{2} i \dot{\xi}_1 \zeta + \hat{\Omega} \zeta \right) \\
&= \text{diag} \left[ e^{\frac{1}{2} i \xi_1} \right] \left( i \text{Id} + \hat{\Omega} \right) \zeta \\
&= \text{diag} \left[ e^{\frac{1}{2} i \xi_1} \right] \left( i \text{Id} + \hat{\Omega} \right) \text{diag} \left[ e^{-\frac{1}{2} i \xi_1} \right] z.
\end{aligned}$$

Apparently

$$\Omega = \text{diag} \left[ e^{\frac{1}{2} i \xi_1} \right] \left( i \text{Id} + \hat{\Omega} \right) \text{diag} \left[ e^{-\frac{1}{2} i \xi_1} \right] = i \text{Id} + \hat{\Omega},$$

and the resulting family

$$\hat{\Omega}(\mu) = \Omega(\mu) - i \text{Id} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\mu_1 & 1 & 0 \\ \mu_1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -\mu_2 & 0 & 0 & -\mu_1 \\ 0 & -\mu_2 & \mu_1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

of matrices is the LCU of

$$\hat{\Omega}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Every perturbation of  $Y$  on  $N$  can be lifted to a perturbation of  $\hat{Y}$  on  $\hat{N}$  that respects the deck transformation (5.3) and rescaling time we can always arrange  $\dot{x}_1 = 2$ , i.e. that the first frequency equals 2. Applying Corollary 5 we may conclude that  $\hat{Y}$  is quasi-periodically stable and this implies quasi-periodic stability of  $Y$ . It should be noted that such an application of KAM Theory goes beyond the possibilities of [11, 17, 22].  $\square$

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