

PHYS 5210  
Graduate Classical Mechanics  
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Lecture 43  
KAM Theorem

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Recall: integrable Hamiltonian has action-angle variables  
 $H = H_0(J_A)$   $(\phi_A, J_A)$

$$\dot{J}_A = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial \phi_A} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{\phi}_A = \frac{\partial H}{\partial J_A} = \omega_A = \text{const.}$$

lec 33: perturbation theory for integrable system:

$$H = H_0(J_A) + \epsilon H_1(\phi_A, J_A) \quad \text{w/} \quad H_1 = \sum_{\vec{m}} e^{i\vec{m} \cdot \vec{\phi}} h_{\vec{m}}.$$

Goal: new AA variables via Type 2 CT for "Lie" method

$$S(\vec{\phi}_0, \vec{J}) = \vec{\phi}_0 \cdot \vec{J} + \epsilon \sum_{\vec{m}} e^{i\vec{m} \cdot \vec{\phi}} \frac{h_{\vec{m}}(\vec{J})}{\underbrace{i\vec{m} \cdot \vec{\omega}}}$$

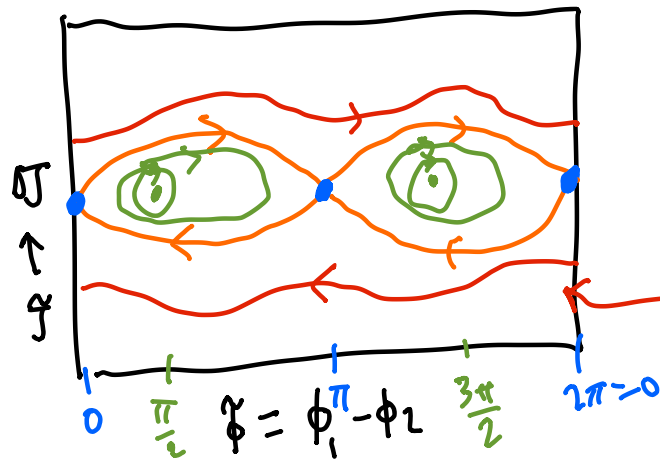
Perturbation theory breaks down if  $\vec{m} \cdot \vec{\omega} = 0$  (commensurate freq.). Even as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

If "all"  $h_{\vec{m}} \neq 0$ , expect  $\vec{m} \cdot \vec{\omega}(\vec{J}) = 0$  occurs  $\infty$  many points.  
 $\hookrightarrow$  need to estimate how much of phase space has PT failure, at some fixed  $\epsilon > 0$ .

lec 33:

Suppose a resonance at  $m=2$ :

$$H \sim \epsilon \cos(m\tilde{\phi}) + \tilde{J}^2$$



old AA continue to exist.

We always have

$m$  stable pts  $\rightarrow$  "islands of integrability"  
 $m$  unstable pts  $\rightarrow$  chaos

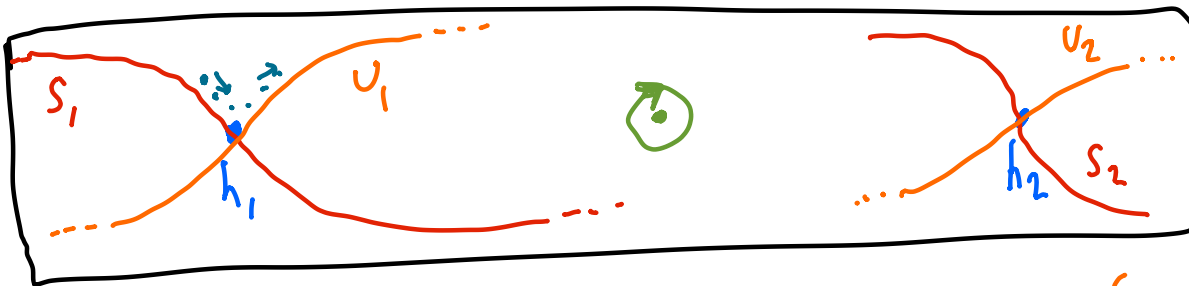
Consider discrete "Hamiltonian / symplectic" map (e.g. kicked rotor / lec 36)

$$\begin{pmatrix} J_{n+1} \\ \phi_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} J_n + \epsilon \sin \phi_n \\ \phi_n + J_n + \epsilon \sin \phi_n \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{Z}_{\text{not matrix}} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} J_n \\ \phi_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Take  $n=1$  AA pair

Important:  $Z^{-1}$  exists. Hamiltonian mechanics is reversible.

Look at map near unstable (hyperbolic) fixed point  $h_i \leftarrow \begin{pmatrix} J \\ \phi \end{pmatrix}$   
 $[Z \cdot h_i = h_i]$



$U_1$  = "unstable manifold": "points driven away from  $h_1$ " (?)

$S_1$  = "stable manifold": set of pts  $x$  where  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z^{-n} \cdot x = h_1$   
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z^n \cdot x = h_1$

only intersection is  $h_1$

Claim:  $S_1$  &  $S_2$  don't intersect.

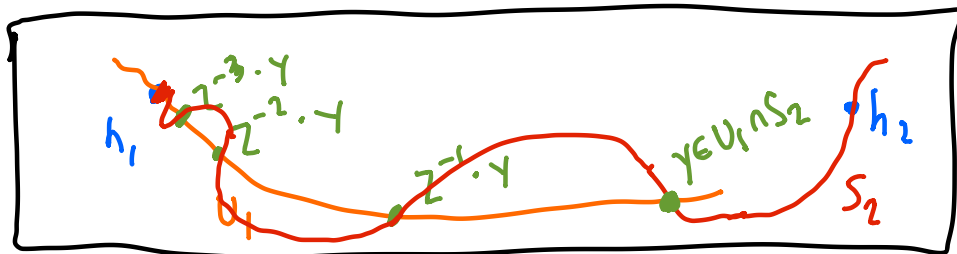
Proof: Suppose  $x \in S_1 \cap S_2$  ( $x \in S_1$  &  $x \in S_2$ ). Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z^n \cdot x = h_1$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z^n \cdot x = h_2$$

which is a contradiction. So  $S_1 \cap S_2 = \text{empty}$ .

Also,  $U_1$  &  $U_2$  don't intersect.



Claim:  $U_1$  &  $S_2$  can intersect.

Claim: if  $y$  exists,  $U_1 \cap S_2$  has  $\infty$  points.

Proof: If  $y \in U_1 \cap S_2$ , so is  $Z^k \cdot y$  for any  $k$ .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z^n \cdot (Z^k \cdot y) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z^{n+k} \cdot y = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z^n \cdot y = h_2 \in S_2$$

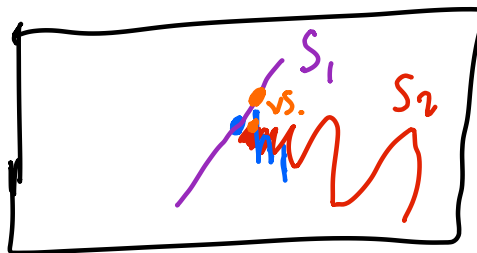
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow -\infty} Z^n \cdot y = h_1 \in U_1$$

Claim: chaos arises out of complex intersection btwn  $S_2$  &  $U_1$

Intuitive:  $S_2$  very close to  $h_1$

BUT  $S_1$  passes through  $h_1$ ,  $S_1$  don't intersect  $S_2$ .

Zoom in on  $h_1$ :



Chaos? very different trajectories for nearby pts...  
...and  $S_n$  are complex / fractal?

Claim: in general, chaos exists somewhere in phase space at any  $\epsilon \neq 0$ .

KAM Theorem: If  $\epsilon$  small enough,  $H = H_0 + \epsilon H_1$ ,  
 $\uparrow$   
 integrable

then system is integrable in "finite fraction of phase space".

Idea: Perturbation  $\leadsto$  construct new AA vars thru

Type 2 CT, generating func:

$$S = \vec{\phi}_0 \cdot \vec{J} + \epsilon \sum_{\vec{m}} e^{i\vec{m} \cdot \vec{\phi}_0} \frac{h_{\vec{m}}(\vec{J})}{i\vec{m} \cdot \vec{\omega}(\vec{J})} \rightarrow \text{if small, maybe PT converges?}$$

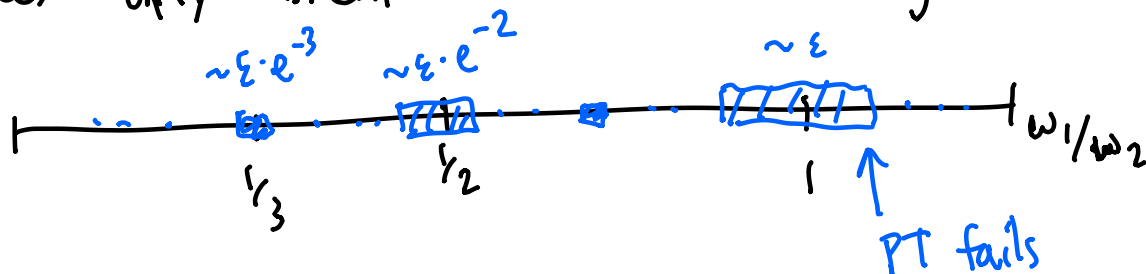
Resonances occur when  $\vec{m} \cdot \vec{\omega} \rightarrow 0 \dots$  if infinitely many  $h_m \neq 0$ , expect  $\infty$  resonances...

We want  $\frac{\vec{m} \cdot \vec{\omega}(\vec{J})}{h_{\vec{m}}(\vec{J})} \gg \epsilon$  for PT to converge (?)

Claim: many physical systems...  $h_m \sim e^{-\alpha |\vec{m}|}$

Diophantine condition: most  $\vec{\omega}$  obey  $|\vec{m} \cdot \vec{\omega}| \gtrsim \gamma \cdot |\vec{m}|^{-\kappa}$   
 (incommensurate)  $\gamma, \kappa \text{ O.C.}$

Since  $e^{\alpha |\vec{m}|} \gamma |\vec{m}|^{-\kappa} \rightarrow \infty$  as  $|\vec{m}| \rightarrow \infty$ , so "high order resonances" only break PT in small region.



Cantor-like set of phase space where PT fails...  
 failure region is "dense", but PT works at typical points.

How to show PT converges? Techniques from lec 34.

$$H \rightarrow H_0 + \epsilon H_1 \rightsquigarrow H_0 + \epsilon^2 \tilde{H}_2 \longrightarrow H_0 + \epsilon^4 \tilde{H}_4 \rightarrow \dots$$