HETEROCLINIC TANGLES IN TIME-PERIODIC EQUATIONS

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Abstract. This paper is a study on periodically perturbed second order differential equations with dissipation. We prove that, when a heteroclinic loop is periodically perturbed, three types of heteroclinic tangles are created and they compete in the space of $\mu$ where $\mu$ is a parameter representing the magnitude of the perturbations. The three types are (a) transient heteroclinic tangles containing no Gibbs measures; (b) heteroclinic tangles dominated by sinks representing stable dynamical behavior; and (c) heteroclinic tangles with strange attractors admitting SRB measures representing chaos. We also prove that, as $\mu \to 0$, the organization of the three types of heteroclinic tangles depends sensitively on the ratio of the unstable eigenvalues of the saddle fixed points of the heteroclinic connections. The theory developed in this paper is explicitly applicable to the analysis of a given set of differential equations and the results obtained are well beyond the capacity of the classical Birkhoff-Melnikov-Smale method. A comprehensive analysis of a given example and a systematic numerical exploration guided by the theory are also presented at the end.

1. Introduction

Since the time of Henry Poincaré, homoclinic and heteroclinic tangles in periodically perturbed ordinary differential equations have occupied the center stage of the chaos theory, and by far, they have been the most studied objects in the modern history of dynamical systems. The literatures on both the theories and their applications to a given set of differential equations are vast. Here we only take a few snapshots on the theories that are directly related to the study of this paper: Poincaré’s discovery of homoclinic tangles in his study of the restricted three-body problem [14]; the development of the Birkhoff-Melnikov-Smale theory on chaos related to transversal homoclinic or heteroclinic intersections in a given set of differential equations [9], [5], including the symbolic dynamics and the Smale horseshoe [18]; Shilnikov’s theory on homoclinic bifurcations [19], [20], [21], [1]; the Newhouse theory on transversal homoclinic tangency [12], [13]; the theory of SRB measures [17], [16], [2], [15], [7], [8]; the theory of Benedicks and Carleson on strongly dissipative Hénon maps [3] and the developments that followed [10], [4]. These theories will all fall into their proper places as parts of a comprehensive picture on the dynamics of the heteroclinic tangles painted in this paper.

As a historic trend, studies on maps have gradually dominated the scene of the modern theory of dynamical systems since the 1970’s, and for many working on the subject, differential equations have receded into the background. One reason for this historic trend is that,
as a research subject, the study of maps has produced powerful theories of tremendous independent mathematical interest, not all of which are necessarily suitable to be applied to the analysis of a given set of differential equations. Even with theories that are suitable for such applications, rigorous applications to a given set of differential equations have been hard because assumptions of these theories are often difficult to verify even for the given maps, let alone differential equations. Another reason for this historic trend is that, as the theory of horseshoes became well-understood and the Birkhoff-Melnikov-Smale method became well-established, confirming chaos in a given set of differential equations through the existence of transversal intersections of the stable and unstable manifolds has been adopted rather quickly as a matured, therefore a more or less routine process. Numerous applications of the same method in the studies of ordinary differential equations have created, to a degree, a perception that there is not much left to be added to the existing toolkit. This is, unfortunately, a wrong perception. As a matter of fact, as we will see through the analysis of this paper, that the dynamical objects that occur in numerical or experimental simulations of a given set of differential equations are not at all related to the chaos represented by the horseshoes obtained from the classical Birkhoff-Melnikov-Smale method. In fact, Smale’s horseshoes are relevant only in the sense that, sometimes but not always, they help forming Newhouse tangency to create tiny sinks and Hénon-like attractors.

Our purpose in this paper is to develop a comprehensive theory on the dynamics of heteroclinic tangles that are directly applicable to the analysis of a given set of differential equations. We prove that, when a heteroclinic loop is periodically perturbed, three types of heteroclinic tangles are created and they compete in the space of $\mu$ where $\mu$ is a parameter representing the magnitude of the perturbation. The three types are (a) transient heteroclinic tangles containing no Gibbs measures; (b) heteroclinic tangles dominated by sinks representing stable dynamical behavior; and (c) heteroclinic tangles with strange attractors admitting SRB measures representing chaos. We also prove that, as $\mu \to 0$, the organization of the three types of heteroclinic tangles depends sensitively on the ratio of the unstable eigenvalues of the saddle fixed points of the heteroclinic connections. If the two unstable eigenvalues, which we denote as $\beta$ and $\beta^*$, are rationally related, say, $\beta/\beta^* = m/n$ where $m,n$ are integers, then the occurrence of the three types of heteroclinic tangles form a pattern that repeats infinitely many times in an accelerated fashion as $\mu \to 0$, and the multiplicative period in $\mu$ is $e^{\beta nT} = e^{\beta^* mT}$ where $T$ is the forcing period. As the order of the resonance of $\beta$ and $\beta^*$ goes higher, the multiplicative period gets larger and the repeating periodic pattern becomes more complicated. The periodicity of dynamical behavior in $\mu$ would disappear as $\beta$ and $\beta^*$ become irrationally related.

This paper is a continuation of a recent effort, initiated by Wang and Young in a sequence of papers [25]-[28], to bring the studies of differential equations back to the forefront by bridging the existing gap between certain profound chaos theories on maps and their applications to the analysis of a given set of differential equations. In particular, this paper is a continuation of the recent studies of Wang and Ott [24] and Wang and Oksasoglu [22], [23] on periodically perturbed second order equations with dissipation. The results obtained in this paper are well beyond the capacity of the classical Birkhoff-Melnikov-Smale method.

The dynamics theory, developed in Sections 2-4 of this paper, is explicitly applicable to the analysis of a set of given differential equations with a heteroclinic or a homoclinic loop forced by a general periodic perturbation. A comprehensive scheme motivated by this new dynamics
theory is also introduced for the numerical explorations of the dynamics of heteroclinic tangles. Systematic applications of both the theory and the numerical scheme to a given example are worked out in detail in Section 5.

2. Statement of Results

2.1. Equations of study. Let \((x,y) \in \mathbb{R}^2\) be the phase variables and \(t\) be the time. We start with the following autonomous differential equations:

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{dx}{dt} &= f(x,y), & \frac{dy}{dt} &= g(x,y)
\end{align*}
\]

where \(f(x,y), g(x,y)\) are analytic functions defined on an open domain \(V \subset \mathbb{R}^2\). We assume that equation (2.1) has two saddle fixed points in \(V\), which we denote as \(P = (q,p), P^* = (q^*,p^*)\). Let \(\alpha < 0 < \beta\) be the eigenvalues of the Jacobian matrix of (2.1) at \(P\), and \(\xi_\alpha, \xi_\beta\) be their respective eigenvectors. Let \(\alpha^* < 0 < \beta^*, \xi_{\alpha^*}, \xi_{\beta^*}\) be the corresponding eigenvalues and eigenvectors for \(P^*\). We assume that both \(P\) and \(P^*\) are dissipative and non-resonant. This is to assume

(H1) \(|\alpha| > \beta, |\alpha^*| > \beta^*\). In addition, \(\alpha\) is not rationally related to \(\beta\), and \(\alpha^*\) is not rationally related to \(\beta^*\).

We also assume that (2.1) has two heteroclinic solutions in \(V\): one from \(P\) to \(P^*\), which we denote as \(\ell = \{\ell(t) = (a(t),b(t)), t \in \mathbb{R}\}\); and the other from \(P^*\) to \(P\), which we denote as \(\ell^* = \{\ell^*(t) = (a^*(t),b^*(t)), t \in \mathbb{R}\}\). This is shown in Figure 1.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Figure 1. Heteroclinic loop of the unforced equation}
\end{align*}
\]

To the right of equation (2.1) we add a forcing term to form a non-autonomous equation

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{dx}{dt} &= f(x,y) + \mu P(x,y,t), & \frac{dy}{dt} &= g(x,y) + \mu Q(x,y,t)
\end{align*}
\]

where \(\mu\) is a small parameter and \(P(x,y,t), Q(x,y,t) : V \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}\) are \(C^\infty\). We assume that \(P(x,y,t), Q(x,y,t)\) are periodic in \(t\) and are high order terms at \((x,y) = (q,p)\) and \((q^*,p^*)\). This is to assume

(H2) \(P(x,y,t), Q(x,y,t) : V \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}\) are \(C^\infty\) and they are such that

(i) \(P(x,y,t+T) = P(x,y,t), Q(x,y,t+T) = Q(x,y,t)\) where \(T > 0\) is a constant;

(ii) the value of \(P(x,y,t), Q(x,y,t)\) and their first derivatives with respect to \(x\) and \(y\) are all zero at \((x,y) = (q,p)\) and \((q^*,p^*)\) for all \(t\).

We introduce an angular variable \(\theta \in S^1 := \mathbb{R}/\{nT\}\) to rewrite equation (2.2) as

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{dx}{dt} &= f(x,y) + \mu P(x,y,\theta), & \frac{dy}{dt} &= g(x,y) + \mu Q(x,y,\theta), & \frac{d\theta}{dt} &= 1.
\end{align*}
\]
We study the solutions of equation (2.3) around the heteroclinic loop \( \ell \cup \ell^* \) in the extended phase space \((x, y, \theta)\) on \( V \times S^1 \). In the \((x, y)\)-plane, let \( \sigma, \sigma^* \) be two short segments, transversally intersecting \( \ell \) and \( \ell^* \) respectively. Let \( \Sigma = \sigma \times S^1, \Sigma^* = \sigma^* \times S^1 \) be their respective correspondence in the extended phase space. Let \( R_\mu \) be the map induced by the solutions of equation (2.3) from \( \Sigma \) to \( \Sigma^* \); and \( R^{*\mu} \) from \( \Sigma^* \) to \( \Sigma \). This is shown in Figure 2. The return map \( F_\mu = R^{*\mu} \circ R_\mu : \Sigma \to \Sigma \) is the separatrix map around \( \ell \cup \ell^* \). Denote

\[
\Omega_\mu := \{ (x, y, \theta) \in \Sigma : F^n_\mu(x, y, \theta) \in \Sigma, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \}
\]

and let

\[
\Lambda_\mu = \cap_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} F^n_\mu(\Omega_\mu).
\]

The set \( \Omega_\mu \) represents all solutions of equation (2.3) that stay around the unforced heteroclinic loop in forward time and \( \Lambda_\mu \) represents all solutions that stay around the heteroclinic loop for all time. The set \( \Lambda_\mu \) is the heteroclinic tangle, the geometrical and dynamical structure of which we study in this paper.

\[
\begin{align*}
\tau_{\ell}(t) &= \frac{1}{|\ell'(t)|} \ell'(t), \\
\tau_{\ell^*}(t) &= \frac{1}{|l'(t)^*|} (l'^*)(t)
\end{align*}
\]

be the unit tangent vectors of the heteroclinic solutions at \( \ell(t) \) and \( \ell^*(t) \) respectively. We have

\[
\begin{align*}
\lim_{t \to -\infty} \tau_{\ell}(t) &= \xi_\beta, \\
\lim_{t \to +\infty} \tau_{\ell}(t) &= -\xi_{\alpha^*}; \\
\lim_{t \to -\infty} \tau_{\ell^*}(t) &= \xi_{\beta^*}, \\
\lim_{t \to +\infty} \tau_{\ell^*}(t) &= -\xi_{\alpha}.
\end{align*}
\]

We also use \( \tau_{\ell}^\perp(t) \) to denote a unit vector that is perpendicular to \( \tau_{\ell}(t) \) (For \( \tau = (u, v) \), \( \tau^\perp = (v, -u) \)) and \( \tilde{\tau}_{\ell}^\perp(t) \) its transpose. Let

\[
\mathcal{W}(\theta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [(P(\ell(t), t + \theta), Q(\ell(t), t + \theta)) \cdot \tau_{\ell(t)}^\perp] e^{-\int_{0}^{t} E_{\ell(s)} ds} dt
\]

where

\[
(2.5) \quad E_{\ell}(t) = \tau_{\ell(t)}^\perp \left( \frac{\partial_x f(\ell(t))}{\partial_x g(\ell(t))} \quad \frac{\partial_y f(\ell(t))}{\partial_y g(\ell(t))} \right) \tilde{\tau}_{\ell(t)}^\perp.
\]
One can verify that
\[ \lim_{t \to +\infty} E_\ell(t) = \beta^*, \quad \lim_{t \to -\infty} E_\ell(t) = \alpha, \]
from which it follows that \( W(\theta) \) is well-defined. Similarly, we let
\[(2.6)\]
\[ W^*(\theta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left[ \left( P(\ell^*(t), t + \theta), Q(\ell^*(t), t + \theta) \right) \cdot \tau_{\ell^*(t)}^+ \right] e^{-\int_0^t E_{\ell^*(s)} ds} dt \]
where
\[(2.7)\]
\[ E_{\ell^*}(t) = \tau_{\ell^*(t)}^+ \left( \frac{\partial_x f(\ell^*(t))}{\partial_x g(\ell^*(t))} - \frac{\partial_y f(\ell^*(t))}{\partial_y g(\ell^*(t))} \right) \tau_{\ell^*(t)}^+. \]
The function \( W^*(\theta) \) is also well-defined because
\[ \lim_{t \to +\infty} E_{\ell^*}(t) = \beta, \quad \lim_{t \to -\infty} E_{\ell^*}(t) = \alpha^*. \]

We also assume

(H3) \( W(\theta) \) and \( W^*(\theta) \) are such that,
(i) \( \min_{\theta \in S_1} W(\theta), \min_{\theta \in S_1} W^*(\theta) < \min_{\theta \in S_1} W(\theta), \max_{\theta \in S_1} W^*(\theta) \);
(ii) if \( W(\theta_0) = 0 \), then \( W'(\theta_0) \neq 0 \); and if \( W^*(\theta_0) = 0 \), then \( (W^*)'(\theta_0) \neq 0 \).

Standing Assumptions: In the rest of this paper we assume (H1)-(H3).

Theorem 2.1. (Birkhoff-Melnikov-Smale) There exists a \( \mu_0 > 0 \) such that for all \( 0 < \mu < \mu_0 \), the heteroclinic tangle \( \Lambda_\mu \) contains a horseshoe of infinitely many branches.

This theorem is a version of the classical Birkhoff-Melnikov-Smale. We also have

Theorem 2.2. (Sinks of strong contraction) There exist infinitely many disjoint open intervals \( \{I_n\} \) of \( \mu \) approaching \( \mu = 0 \), such that for all \( \mu \in \cup_n I_n \), \( \Lambda_\mu \) admits a periodic sink.

As we will see from the proof of Theorem 2.2, the sinks of Theorem 2.2 are not the classical Newhouse sinks associated with the phenomenon of transversal homoclinic and heteroclinic tangency. The sinks of Theorem 2.2 tend to be more dominating in the sense that they are strongly contractive. In comparison, the Newhouse sinks have much weaker contractions and much longer periods.

It turns out that the Newhouse tangency is also a major dynamical scenario, as asserted by the next theorem. Denote
\[(2.8)\]
\[ C = \lim_{t \to +\infty} \frac{1}{\beta} \ln e^{-\beta t} |\ell(t) - P|, \quad C^* = \lim_{t \to -\infty} \frac{1}{\beta^*} \ln e^{-\beta^* t} |\ell^*(t) - P^*| \]
and let
\[(2.9)\]
\[ I_+ = \{ \theta \in [0, T) : W(\theta - C) > 0 \}, \quad I_- = \{ \theta \in [0, T) : W(\theta - C) < 0 \}; \]
\( I^*_+, I^*_- \) are similarly defined by using \( W^*(\theta - C^*) \). We define the dynamical functions \( D(\theta) \) and \( D^*(\theta) \) by letting
\[(2.10)\]
\[ D(\theta) = \theta - \frac{1}{\beta} \ln W(\theta - C); \quad D^*(\theta) = \theta - \frac{1}{\beta^*} \ln W^*(\theta - C^*). \]

Let \( C \) be the set of critical points of \( D(\theta) \) in \( I_+ \) and \( C^* \) the set of critical points of \( D^*(\theta) \) in \( I^*_+ \).
Theorem 2.3. Assume that there exists a non-degenerate critical point either for $D(\theta)$ in $C$ or for $D^*(\theta)$ in $C^*$. Then there exists a sequence $\mu_n \to 0$, such that for every $n$, and $\hat{\mu} = \mu_n$,

(a) (Newhouse sinks) there exists $\hat{\mu}_k \to \hat{\mu}$, such that $\Lambda_\mu$ for $\hat{\mu}_k$ admits periodic sinks;

(b) (Strange attractors) there exists a set of positive Lebesgue measure of $\mu$ close to $\hat{\mu}$, such that the corresponding heteroclinic tangle $\Lambda_\mu$ admits strange attractors with an SRB measure.

Theorem 2.3 provides a way of applying the Newhouse theory, the theory of Hénon-like maps and the theory of SRB measures to a given set of differential equations. Both the sinks and the SRB measures of Theorem 2.3 are associated with transversal homoclinic tangency. The periodic sinks asserted in Theorem 2.3(a) are Newhouse sinks, and the strange attractors of Theorem 2.3(b) are Hénon-like attractors.

We need a few more quantities to state our next theorem. Denote

$$K = C - \frac{1}{\beta^*} \ln(\xi_{\alpha^*} \cdot \xi_{\beta^*}^\perp) + \frac{1}{\beta^*} \int_0^{+\infty} (\beta^* - E_\ell(t))dt,$$

$$K^* = C^* - \frac{1}{\beta} \ln(\xi_{\alpha} \cdot \xi_{\beta}^\perp) + \frac{1}{\beta} \int_0^{+\infty} (\beta - E_\ell^*(t))dt$$

(2.11)

where $C$ and $C^*$ are as in (2.8). We note that the directions of the eigenvectors are such that $\xi_{\alpha^*} \cdot \xi_{\beta^*}^\perp, \xi_{\alpha} \cdot \xi_{\beta}^\perp > 0$. Both $K$ and $K^*$ are well-defined. We also denote

$$J = \{\theta \in I_+ : |D'(\theta)| \leq 1\}, \quad J^* = \{\theta \in I_+^* : |(D^*)'(\theta)| \leq 1\}.$$  

We have

Theorem 2.4. (Transient heteroclinic tangle) Let $h \in \mathbb{R}^+$ be a real parameter and

$$D_h(\theta) := \frac{h}{\beta^*} + K + D(\theta), \quad D^*_h(\theta) := \frac{h}{\beta} + K^* + D^*(\theta).$$

If there exists an $\hat{h}$ sufficiently large, such that

$$D_{\hat{h}}(J) \subset I_-^*; \quad D_{\hat{h}}^*(J^*) \subset I_-;$$

then there exists an open interval $I_{\hat{\mu}}$ of $\mu$ around $\hat{\mu} = e^{-\hat{h}}$, such that for all $\mu \in I_{\hat{\mu}}$, the corresponding heteroclinic tangle $\Lambda_\mu$ conjugates to a horseshoe of infinitely many branches.

Theorem 2.4 is a theorem of very different nature with respect to Theorem 2.1. For the $\mu$ values of Theorem 2.4, the heteroclinic tangle $\Lambda$ contains nothing else but a uniformly hyperbolic horseshoe. Since the attractive basin of a uniformly hyperbolic horseshoe is a Lebesgue measure zero set, the heteroclinic tangles of Theorem 2.4 contain no Gibbs measure. These heteroclinic tangles appear transient, that is, they are not directly observable in numerical simulations.

The conditions of Theorems 2.1-2.4 are all explicit and verifiable for a given set of equations. Through these theorems we have successfully applied various profound dynamics theories on maps, such as the Newhouse theory, the theory of SRB measures and the theory of Hénon-like attractors, to the analysis of a given set of time-periodic differential equations with a heteroclinic tangle.

We finish this section by noting that, instead of pushing for the strongest results possible, in this section we have sometimes traded stronger than necessary assumptions for technical
simplicity. In particular, we note that (H2)(ii) is introduced mainly to ease what would otherwise be longer derivations of the separatrix map. Theorems 2.1-2.4 remain valid without assuming (H2)(ii). The smoothness of the forcing functions $P(x, y, t), Q(x, y, t)$, and the infinite order of the non-resonance relations assumed in (H1) for $\alpha$ and $\beta, \alpha^*$ and $\beta^*$, are also stronger than necessary. They can both be reduced to certain finite order. We also note that (H3)(ii) is obviously an overkill for Theorem 2.1. For Theorem 2.1 to hold it suffices to assume that there exist one non-tangential zero for $W(\theta)$ and one for $W^*(\theta)$. Finally, we obtain the corresponding theorems for homoclinic tangles by letting $W(\theta) = W^*(\theta)$.

3. The separatrix map

The main tool of our study is the separatrix map induced by the solutions of (2.3) around the unforced heteroclinic loop $\ell \cup \ell^*$, which we rigorously derive from equation (2.3). The detailed derivations of the separatrix map are a little tedious, and thus are presented in Appendix A. In this section we present only the end results. A list of quantities is involved in this presentation; some are less than straightforward to motivate. The presented formula for the separatrix map might appear a little messy at first sight. Digestive remarks are included to explain the implications of the various quantities involved.

Let $B_\varepsilon(P)$ be the $\varepsilon$-ball centered at $P$ and $B_{\varepsilon^*}(P^*)$ be the $\varepsilon^*$-ball centered at $P^*$ in the $(x, y)$-plane. Let $L_-$ be such that $|\ell(-L_-) - P| = \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon$ and $L_+$ be such that $|\ell(L_+) - P^*| = \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^*$. Similarly, $L_-^*$ is by $|\ell^*(-L_-^*) - P^*| = \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^*$, $L_+^*$ by $|\ell^*(L_+^*) - P| = \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon$.

![Figure 3. $\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{R}^*$ in the extended phase space](image)

Let $\sigma, \sigma^*$ be two short segments of size $\approx 2\mu$ centered at $\ell(-L_-)$ and $\ell^*(-L_-^*)$ respectively in the $(x, y)$-plane. All tangent vectors of $\sigma$ are roughly aligned to $\xi_\alpha$ and those of $\sigma^*$ to $\xi_{\alpha^*}$. In what follows, $\Sigma$ is a surface that is $C^r$-close to $\sigma \times S^1$ and $\Sigma^*$ is a surface that is $C^r$-close to $\sigma^* \times S^1$ in the extended phase space where $r > 3$ is an arbitrarily fixed integer. For all practical purposes, let us at the moment think of $\Sigma$ as $\sigma \times S^1$ and $\Sigma^*$ as $\sigma^* \times S^1$. We denote the map induced by the solutions of equation (2.3) from $\Sigma$ to $\Sigma^*$ as $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_\mu$, and the map from $\Sigma^*$ back to $\Sigma$ as $\mathcal{R}^* = \mathcal{R}_\mu^*$. The separatrix map $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{F}_\mu : \Sigma \to \Sigma$ is such that $\mathcal{F}_\mu = \mathcal{R}_\mu^* \circ \mathcal{R}_\mu$.

In this section we introduce pseudo-explicit formulas for $\mathcal{R}$ and $\mathcal{R}^*$. We then prove Theorems 2.1-2.4 by using the asserted formulas in the next section. Detailed derivations of the formulas asserted are presented in Appendix A. We start with some notation and definition of parameters.
Parameters $\varepsilon, \varepsilon^*$ and $\mu$: Let $\varepsilon, \varepsilon^*$ be such that

$$
(3.1) \quad \varepsilon^* = \varepsilon^{\mu^*};
$$

and $\varepsilon$, $\varepsilon^*$ are sufficiently small such that, on $B_{\varepsilon}(P)$ and $B_{\varepsilon^*}(P^*)$, equation (2.3) can be linearized. The quantities $L_{\pm}, L^*_{\pm}$ are completely determined by $\ell, \ell^*$ and $\varepsilon, \varepsilon^*$.

The parameter $\mu$ controls the magnitude of the time-periodic perturbation and we assume

$$
(3.2) \quad \mu << \varepsilon, \varepsilon^* << 1.
$$

The new parameter $h = \ln \mu^{-1}$: We need to estimate the derivatives with respect to a forcing parameter but in this case $\mu$ is not a good choice, for taking derivatives with respect to $\mu$ would create non-perturbational terms from the forcing function in the variational equations. To deal with this problem we would let $h = \ln \mu^{-1}$ and regard $h$, not $\mu$, as the bottom-line parameter. In other words, we would regard $\mu$ as a shorthand for $e^{-h}$, and take all functions in $\mu$ as functions in $h$. Observe that $(0, \mu_0)$ for $\mu$ corresponds to the interval $(\ln \mu_0^{-1}, +\infty)$ for $h$. By regarding a function $F(\mu)$ of $\mu$ as a function of $h$,

$$
\partial_h F(\mu) = -\mu \partial_\mu F(\mu),
$$

and this would allow us to keep a much needed copy of $\mu$ in front.

The use of generic constant $K$: The letter $K$ is used throughout to generically represent constants that are independent of $\mu$. The precise value of $K$ is allowed to change from line to line. On occasions, a specific constant is used in different places. There are also times we need to distinguish two $K$’s in the same line. We would then use subscripts to denote them as $K_0, K_1, \cdots$. We would also make distinctions between constants that are dependent of $\varepsilon$, $\varepsilon^*$ and those that are not by making such dependency explicit. A constant that depends on $\varepsilon$ and $\varepsilon^*$ is written as $K(\varepsilon)$ or $K(\varepsilon^*)$. A constant written as $K$ is independent of $\varepsilon$ and $\varepsilon^*$.

The use of $O$-terms: The intended formula for the separatrix map would inevitably contain terms that are explicit and terms that are implicit. Implicit terms are usually “error” terms, and the usefulness of a derived formula would depend completely on how well the error terms are controlled. We aim at $C^r$-control on all error terms with respect to all variables in the extended phase space for some $r > 3$. To facilitate our presentation, we adopt specific conventions to indicate controls on magnitude. For a given constant, we write $O(1)$, $O(\varepsilon)$ or $O(\mu)$ to indicate that the magnitude of the constant is bounded by $K$, $K\varepsilon$ or $K(\varepsilon)\mu$, respectively. For a function of a set $V$ of variables, we write $O_V(1)$, $O_V(\varepsilon)$ or $O_V(\mu)$ to represent a function, the $C^r$-norm of which in $V$ are bounded by $K$, $K\varepsilon$ or $K(\varepsilon)\mu$, respectively. For example, $O_{Z,\theta}(\mu)$ represents a function of $Z, \theta$, the $C^r$-norm of which with respect to $Z$ and $\theta$ are bounded above by $K(\varepsilon)\mu$.

Variables for $\Sigma$ and $\Sigma^*$: To present the formulas for $\mathcal{R}: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma^*$ and $\mathcal{R}^*: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma$, we need to first introduce coordinates on $\Sigma$ and $\Sigma^*$. We observe that $\Sigma$ is an annulus, the points of which we first represent by using two variables $X$ and $\theta$ where $X$ is, roughly speaking, the distance from a point on $\Sigma$ to $\ell(-L_\pm) \times S^1$ and $\theta \in S^1$. We then re-scale $X$ by letting $X = \mu^{-1} X$. This way we represent $\Sigma$ by letting

$$
\Sigma = \{(X, \theta) : \quad |X| < 1, \quad \theta \in S^1\}.
$$
Coordinates for $\Sigma^*$ are defined in a similar fashion as

$$\Sigma^* = \{ (\hat{\mathbf{X}}, \hat{\theta}) : |\hat{\mathbf{X}}| < 1, \hat{\theta} \in S^1 \}. $$

**On $M_\pm$, $M_\pm^*$, $W_{L_-,L_+}(\theta)$ and $W_{L_-,L_+}^*(\theta)$:** In addition to $L_\pm$, $L_\pm^*$, $\alpha, \alpha^*, \beta, \beta^*, \varepsilon, \varepsilon^*$ and $h = \ln \mu^{-1}$, we also need four more constants $M_\pm, M_\pm^*$, where they are defined as

$$M_+ = e^{\int_{L_-}^{L_+} E_\varepsilon(s) ds}, \quad M_- = e^{\int_0^{L_-} E_\varepsilon(s) ds},$$

and

$$M_+^* = e^{\int_{L_-}^{L_+} E_{\varepsilon^*}(s) ds}, \quad M_-^* = e^{\int_0^{L_-} E_{\varepsilon^*}(s) ds}. $$

Finally, we define $W_{L_-,L_+}(\theta)$ by replacing the integral bounds $+\infty, -\infty$ in (2.4) for $W(\theta)$ by using $L_+, -L_-$ respectively. The function $W_{L_-,L_+}^*(\theta)$ is similarly defined.

For $\mathcal{R} : \Sigma \to \Sigma^*$ we have

**Proposition 3.1. (Formula for $\mathcal{R}$)** Let the map $\mathcal{R} : \Sigma \to \Sigma^*$ be denoted as

$$ (\hat{\mathbf{X}}, \hat{\theta}) = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{X}, \theta). $$

We have

$$ \hat{\theta} = \theta + a - \frac{1}{\beta^*} \ln \mathbb{F}(\theta, \mathbf{X}, \mu) + O_{\theta,\mathbf{X},h}(\mu), $$

$$ \hat{\mathbf{X}} = b[\mathbb{F}(\theta, \mathbf{X}, \mu)]^{-\frac{\varepsilon^*}{\beta^*}} $$

where

$$ \mathbb{F}(\theta, \mathbf{X}, \mu) = W(\theta + L_-) - M_-(1 + O(\varepsilon^*)) (\xi_\alpha \cdot \xi_{\beta^*}) \mathbf{X} + \mathbb{E}(\theta) + O_{\theta,\mathbf{X},h}(\mu) $$

in which

$$ \mathbb{E}(\theta) = ((M_+)^{-1} + M_-) O_{\theta}(1) + W_{L_-,L_+}(\theta + L_-) - W(\theta + L_-). $$

We also have

$$ a = \frac{1}{\beta^*} \left( \ln \mu^{-1} + \ln \frac{\varepsilon^*}{(1 + O(\varepsilon^*)) M_+} - \ln (\xi_\alpha \cdot \xi_{\beta^*}) \right) + (L_- + L_+); $$

$$ b = (\mu(\varepsilon^*)^{-1})^{-\frac{\varepsilon^*}{\beta^*}} - [(1 + O(\varepsilon^*)) M_+]^{-\frac{\varepsilon^*}{\beta^*}}. $$

Similarly, for $\mathcal{R}^* : \Sigma^* \to \Sigma$ we have

**Proposition 3.2. (Formula for $\mathcal{R}^*$)** Let the map $\mathcal{R}^* : \Sigma^* \to \Sigma$ be denoted as

$$ (\mathbf{X}, \theta) = \mathcal{R}^*(\hat{\mathbf{X}}, \hat{\theta}). $$

We have

$$ \theta = \hat{\theta} + a^* - \frac{1}{\beta} \ln \mathbb{F}^*(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\mathbf{X}}, \mu) + O_{\hat{\theta},\hat{\mathbf{X}},h}(\mu), $$

$$ \mathbf{X} = b^*[\mathbb{F}^*(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\mathbf{X}}, \mu)]^{-\frac{\varepsilon}{\beta}} $$

where

$$ \mathbb{F}^*(\hat{\theta}, \hat{\mathbf{X}}, \mu) = W^*(\hat{\theta} + L_-^*) - M_-^*(1 + O(\varepsilon))(\xi_\alpha^* \cdot \xi_{\beta^*}^*) \hat{\mathbf{X}} + \mathbb{E}^*(\hat{\theta}) + O_{\hat{\theta},\hat{\mathbf{X}},h}(\mu) $$
We also have

\[
\mathbf{a}^* = \frac{1}{\beta} \left( \ln \mu^{-1} + \ln \frac{\varepsilon}{(1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)) M^*_{\varepsilon}} - \ln(\xi_{\alpha} \cdot \xi_{\beta}^\perp) \right) + (L^*_{-} + L^*_{+});
\]

\[
\mathbf{b}^* = (\mu \varepsilon^{-1})^{-\frac{\beta}{\alpha} - 1} [(1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)) M^*_{\varepsilon}]^{-\frac{\beta}{\alpha}}.
\]

**Digestive remarks:** We offer the following remarks on (3.3) for \( \mathcal{R} \) and (3.7) for \( \mathcal{R}^* \) in the two propositions above.

(i) Observe that \( \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{b}^* \to 0 \) as \( \mu \to 0 \), for we have assumed that \(|\alpha| > \beta, |\alpha^*| > \beta^*\). Hence for \( \mu > 0 \) sufficiently small, we can think of \( \mathcal{R} : \Sigma \to \Sigma^* \) as a 2D family of maps unfolded from the following 1D maps \( f = f^*_\mu : S^1 \to S^1 \) where

\[
f^*_\mu(\theta) = \theta + \mathbf{a} - \frac{1}{\beta^*} \ln(\mathcal{W}(\theta + L) + \mathbb{E}(\theta)).
\]

Similarly, \( \mathcal{R}^* : \Sigma^* \to \Sigma^* \) is a 2D family of maps unfolded from the 1D map \( f^* = f^*_\mu : S^1 \to S^1 \) where

\[
f^*_\mu(\theta) = \theta + \mathbf{a}^* - \frac{1}{\beta} \ln(\mathcal{W}^*(\theta + L^*) + \mathbb{E}^*(\theta)).
\]

We can also regard the separatrix map \( \mathcal{F} \) as a 2D family unfolded from the 1D map \( F^*_\mu = f^*_\mu \circ f^*_\mu \). The functions \( f^*_\mu(\theta), f^*_\mu(\theta) \) and \( F^*_\mu(\theta) \) are the respective 1D singular limit for \( \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{R}^* \) and \( \mathcal{F} \).

(ii) Regard \( \varepsilon \) and \( \varepsilon^* \) as fixed constants and let \( \mu \to 0 \). Recall that \( h = \ln \mu^{-1} \) is the parameter representing \( \mu \) and we have \( \mathbf{a} \approx \beta^{-1} h, \mathbf{a}^* \approx \beta^{-1} h \). The 1D singular limit \( f^*_\mu, f^*_\mu \) and \( F^*_\mu = f^*_\mu \circ f^*_\mu \) for the separatrix map take \( h \) as a parameter and \( h = \ln \mu^{-1} \to \infty \) as \( \mu \to 0 \). Sometimes we also denote the 1D singular limit as \( f_h, f^*_h \) and \( F_h \) respectively.

(iii) We have

\[
L^*_{-} + C \approx L^*_{+} + C^*
\]

from (3.1) and (2.8). We also have, for \( M_{\pm}, M^*_{\pm} \),

\[
M_{\pm} \sim (\varepsilon^*)^{\frac{\beta}{\alpha}}, \quad M^*_{\pm} \sim \varepsilon^{\frac{\beta}{\alpha}}; \quad M^*\sim (\varepsilon^*)^{\frac{\beta}{\alpha}}.
\]

It is then clear that \( M_{-}, M^*_{+} >> \mathcal{O}(\mu) \) and a direct consequence is that

\[
\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \mathcal{F}(\theta, \mathbf{X}, \mu) \approx M_{-}(\xi_{\alpha} \cdot \xi_{\beta}^\perp); \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{X}} \mathcal{F}^*(\theta, \mathbf{X}, \mu) \approx M^*_-(\xi_{\alpha}^* \cdot \xi_{\beta}^\perp).
\]

This is to say that the unfolding from the 1D singular limit \( F = f^* \circ f \) to the separatrix map \( \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{R}^* \circ \mathcal{R} \) is non-degenerate in the \( \mathbf{X} \)-direction.

(iv) Using (iii) and (3.1) for \( \varepsilon \) and \( \varepsilon^* \), we also have

\[
\mathbf{a} \approx \frac{1}{\beta} \ln \mu^{-1} + \mathcal{K}, \quad \mathbf{a}^* \approx \frac{1}{\beta} \ln \mu^{-1} + \mathcal{K}^*
\]

where \( \mathcal{K} \) and \( \mathcal{K}^* \) are as in (2.11).
It is also easy to prove that
\[ \| \mathcal{W}(\theta) - \mathcal{W}_{L^-L^+}(\theta) \|_{C^r}, \quad \| \mathcal{W}^*(\hat{\theta}) - \mathcal{W}^*_{L^-L^+}(\hat{\theta}) \|_{C^r} \to 0 \]
as \( \varepsilon, \varepsilon^* \to 0 \). Together with (iii) we conclude that, when \( \varepsilon, \varepsilon^* \) are sufficiently small, \( E(\theta), E^*(\hat{\theta}) \) are \( C^r \)-small perturbations to \( \mathcal{W}(\theta), \mathcal{W}^*(\hat{\theta}) \), respectively.

4. Dynamics of heteroclinic tangles

Recall that \( \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{R} \circ \mathcal{R} : \Sigma \to \Sigma \) is the separatrix map and the heteroclinic tangle \( \Lambda = \Lambda_\mu \) is such that
\[ \Lambda_\mu = \{ (X, \theta) \in \Sigma : \mathcal{F}^n(X, \theta) \in \Sigma \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{Z} \}. \]
In this section, we study the geometrical and the dynamical structure of \( \Lambda_\mu \) through Propositions 3.1 and 3.2.

4.1. Geometry of the separatrix map. Let \( \Sigma = I \times S^1 \). Points in \( I = [-1, 1] \) are denoted by using \( X \) and points in \( S^1 = \mathbb{R}/\{nT\} \) are denoted by using \( \theta \). We call the direction of \( \theta \) the horizontal direction and the direction of \( X \) the vertical direction.

We start with the simple fact that \( \mathcal{R} \) is only partially defined on \( \Sigma \), for after reaching \( B_{\varepsilon^*}(P^*) \), a solution could follow either \( \ell^* \) to reach \( \Sigma^* \) or the other unstable branch of \( P^* \) to leave the neighborhood of \( \ell \cup \ell^* \). See Figure 4. Reflected in Proposition 3.1 for \( \mathcal{R} \) is the logarithmic function in (3.3), and \( \mathcal{R} \) is defined only on the part of \( \Sigma \) where the value of the function inside of the logarithm is positive.

\[ \text{Figure 4. Partial definition of } \mathcal{R} \text{ on } \Sigma \]

Let \( U \) be the subset of \( \Sigma \) where \( \mathcal{R} \) is defined. We use Proposition 3.1 to determine the geometry of \( U \) in \( \Sigma \). Note that \( U \) is defined by \( \mathcal{F}(\theta, X, \mu) > 0 \) where \( \mathcal{F}(\theta, X, \mu) \) is as in (3.4). The boundaries of \( U \) in \( \Sigma \) are defined by the equation
\[ \mathcal{F}(\theta, X, \mu) = \mathcal{W}(\theta + L^-) - M_-(1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^*))(\xi_\alpha \cdot \xi^\perp_\beta)X + \mathcal{E}(\theta) + \mathcal{O}_{\theta, X, h}(\mu) = 0, \]
from which it follows that
\[ X = \frac{1}{M_-(1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^*))(\xi_\alpha \cdot \xi^\perp_\beta)}(\mathcal{W}(\theta + L^-) + \mathcal{E}(\theta)) + \mathcal{O}_{\theta, h}(\mu). \]

We claim that (4.1) defines a finite collection of vertical curves located roughly at the zeros of the Melnikov function \( \mathcal{W}(\theta + L^-) \). This is because (a) \( M_- \approx \varepsilon^{-\frac{3}{2}} \) (digestive remark (iii) at the end of Section 3); (b) the intersections of the graph of \( \mathcal{W}(\theta) \) with the \( \theta \)-axis are non-tangential
(this is (H3)(ii)); and (c) \( \mathbb{E}(\theta) \) is a \( C^r \)-small perturbation to \( W(\theta + L_-) \) (digestive remark (v) at the end of Section 3). It then follows that \( U \) is a finite collection of vertical strips. Let \( U = \bigcup U_i \) where \( U_i \) are the vertical strips in \( \Sigma \), and \( W = \Sigma \setminus U \). The sets \( U \) and \( W \) contain equal number of alternating vertical strips in \( \Sigma \).

Next we study the geometry of \( \mathcal{R}(U_i) \) in \( \Sigma^* \). First let \( l_i \) be the intersection of \( U_i \) with the \( \theta \)-axis. Then \( \mathcal{R}(l_i) \) by (3.3) is a curve in \( \Sigma^* \), extending in the horizontal direction to \( \theta = +\infty \) toward both end. The shape of \( \mathcal{R}(l_i) \) copies the shape of the dynamical function

\[
\mathcal{D}(\theta) = \theta - \frac{1}{\beta^*} \ln W(\theta + L_-)
\]

on the corresponding \( \theta \)-interval. It also follows from (3.3) that \( \mathcal{R}(U_i) \) is a slight thickening of \( \mathcal{R}(l_i) \) in \( \Sigma^* \). Viewing \( \Sigma^* \) as an annulus, we see that the image of \( \mathcal{R}(U_i) \) wraps around \( \Sigma^* \) infinitely many times. See Figure 5.

![Figure 5. The geometry of \( \mathcal{R}(U_i) \)](image)

Proposition 3.1 also tells how \( \mathcal{R}(U_i) \) moves in \( \Sigma^* \) as \( \mu \to 0 \). Observe that \( (\beta^*)^{-1} \ln \mu^{-1} \) appears as a simple additive term in \( a \) for the angular variable \( \hat{\theta} \) in (3.3). This implies that, as \( \mu \to 0 \), \( \mathcal{R}(U_i) \) moves horizontally in \( \Sigma^* \) with a roughly constant speed \( (\beta^*)^{-1} \) with respect to \( h = \ln \mu^{-1} \). We also note that \( \mathcal{R}(U_i) \) for all \( i \) are tied together and they move with the same horizontal speed in \( \Sigma^* \).

In summary, Proposition 3.1 for \( \mathcal{R} \) has revealed that: (1) \( \mathcal{R} \) is defined on a finite collection of vertical strips; (2) the image of each of these vertical strips in \( \Sigma^* \) has the shape of the dynamical function \( \mathcal{D}(\theta) \) and it wraps around the annulus \( \Sigma^* \) infinitely many times; and (3) as \( \mu \to 0 \), these infinitely wrapped images move in the \( \theta \)-direction in \( \Sigma^* \) with a roughly constant speed of \( (\beta^*)^{-1} \) with respect to \( h = \ln \mu^{-1} \).

The situation for \( \mathcal{R^*} \) is completely parallel. This is to say that (1) \( \mathcal{R^*} \) is defined on a finite collection of vertical strips in \( \Sigma^* \), which we denote as \( U^* = \bigcup U^*_i \); (2) the image of each of these vertical strips in \( \Sigma \) is in the shape of the dynamical function \( \mathcal{D^*}(\theta) \) and it wraps around the annulus \( \Sigma \) infinitely many times; and (3) as \( \mu \to 0 \), these infinitely wrapped images move in the \( \theta \)-direction in \( \Sigma \) with a roughly constant speed of \( \beta^{-1} \) with respect to \( h = \ln \mu^{-1} \).

4.2. Intrinsic phases. Let us be aware that \( \varepsilon \) and \( \mu \) are parameters of completely different nature: \( \mu \) is a parameter that really changes the dynamics of the system while \( \varepsilon \) is entirely auxiliary in the sense that it is a technical artifact of our derivation process. On the other hand, we observe that the formulas for \( \mathcal{R} \) and \( \mathcal{R^*} \) in Section 3 appear to depend on \( \varepsilon \) non-trivially through \( L_\pm \) and \( L^*_\pm \). If the conclusion of our propositions are to be correct, then this
non-trivial dependency on $\varepsilon$ must be somewhat illusionary, and there should be quantities that are *intrinsic* in the sense that they are independent of $\varepsilon$ and they ultimately determine the dynamics of $F = R^* \circ R$. This is indeed the case and the intrinsic quantities are $C, C^*, K, K^*$ in Section 2. These are the *intrinsic phases* for $R$ and $R^*$, which we obtain through (3.3) and (3.7).

To see through this illusionary dependency of $R$ and $R^*$ in (3.3) and (3.7) on $\varepsilon$, we first observe that the parameters $a$ and $a^*$ are such that

$$a \approx \frac{1}{\beta^*} \ln \mu^{-1} + K, \quad a^* \approx \frac{1}{\beta} \ln \mu^{-1} + K^*. $$

See the digestive remark (iv) at the end of Section 3.

Second we change $\theta$ to $\hat{\theta} = (L_+ + C)$ on both $\Sigma$ and $\Sigma^*$. Observe that (1) this does not change any of the constants in (3.3) and (3.7); (2) $\mathcal{O}_{\theta, X, h}(\mu)$ and $\mathcal{O}_{\theta}(1)$ in (3.3) and (3.7) can be written as the same; and (3) a simple shift on $\theta$ does not alter the fact that $E(\theta), E^*(\theta)$ are $C^*$-small perturbation of the corresponding Melnikov functions. For notational simplicity let us write $E(\theta - L_+ - C)$ and $E^*(\theta - L_+ - C)$ back as $E(\theta)$ and $E^*(\theta)$ respectively.

Therefore the new formulas for $R$ and $R^*$ are as follows: Everything else are kept the same as in Propositions 3.1 and 3.2, but we now change $W(\theta + L_+)$ to $W(\theta - C)$, and $W^*(\theta + L_+)$ to $W^*(\theta - C^*) + (L_+^* + C^* - L_+ - C)$, which is $\approx W^*(\theta - C^*)$ because $L_+ + C \approx L_+^* + C^*$ (see the digestive remark (iii) at the end of Section 3). This is to say that we are allowed to change $F(\theta, X, \mu)$ in (3.4) to

$$F(\theta, X, \mu) = W(\theta - C) - M_-(1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^*)) \xi_\alpha \cdot \xi^\perp_\beta X + E(\theta) + \mathcal{O}_{\theta, X, h}(\mu)$$

and $F^*(\theta, X, \mu)$ in (3.8) to

$$F^*(\theta, X, \mu) = W^*(\hat{\theta} - C^* + c) - M^*_+(1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)) \xi_\alpha \cdot \xi^\perp_\beta X + E^*(\hat{\theta}) + \mathcal{O}_{\hat{\theta}, \bar{X}, h}(\mu)$$

where

$c = L_+^* + C^* - L_+ - C \approx 0.$

### 4.3. Dynamical consequences.

We start with what we will call as the *quasi-periodicity* of dynamical behavior of the heteroclinic tangles implicated by (3.3) and (3.7). Recall that $h = \ln \mu^{-1}$ and let

$$f_h(\theta) = \theta + \frac{1}{\beta^*} h + K - \frac{1}{\beta^*} \ln W(\theta - C),$$

$$f^*_h(\theta) = \theta + \frac{1}{\beta^*} h + K^* - \frac{1}{\beta} \ln W^*(\theta - C^*).$$

The 1D function $f_h(\theta)$ is the 1D singular limit for $R$, and $f^*_h(\theta)$ is for $R^*$. Note that $f_h(\theta)$ and $f^*_h(\theta)$ are not exactly the same 1D maps as $f(\theta)$ and $f^*(\theta)$ that appeared previously in the digestive remark (i) at the end of Section 3. We have replaced $a$ by $\frac{1}{\beta^*} h + K$, $a^*$ by $\frac{1}{\beta} h + K^*$, $W(\theta + L_+)$ by $W(\theta - C)$ and $W^*(\theta + L_+)$ by $W^*(\theta - C^*)$. The reasons for these replacements have been explained in detail in the previous subsection. We have also dropped the error functions $E(\theta)$ and $E^*(\theta)$; see digestive remark (v) at the end of Section 3. We call the circular map $F_h = f_h \circ f_h : S^1 \to S^1$ the *intrinsic* 1D singular limit for the separatrix map $F = R^* \circ R$.

Regarding $h$ as a parameter, $f_h : S^1 \to S^1$ is such that $f_h = f_{h+\beta \cdot T}$ where $T$ is the period of the forcing function. This is to say that, as a one parameter family, $f_h : S^1 \to S^1$ is periodic.
of period $\beta^* T$ in $h$. Through $h = \ln \mu^{-1}$, this additive periodicity in $h$ is transformed to a multiplicative periodicity in $\mu$. This is to say that for any given $\mu_0$ sufficiently small, $f_h$ is the same for $\mu_0$ and $\mu_1 = \mu_0 e^{-\beta^* T}$. We call $e^{\beta^* T}$ the multiplicative period for $f_h$ in $\mu$. Similarly, $f_h^2(\theta)$ is a one parameter family of circle maps with a multiplicative period $e^{\beta T}$ in $\mu$. For $F_h = f_h^2 \circ f_h$, we have

Case 1: If $\beta$ and $\beta^*$ are rationally related, this is to say that, if there are $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, relatively prime, such that

$$\frac{\beta}{\beta^*} = \frac{m}{n}.$$ 

Then $F_h$ is such that

$$F_h = F_{h+n\beta T} = F_{h+m\beta^* T}$$

and the multiplicative period for $F_h$ in $\mu$ is $e^{n\beta T}$ (also = $e^{m\beta^* T}$).

Case 2: If $\beta$ and $\beta^*$ are not rationally related, then $F_h$ is not periodic in $h$.

Therefore, if the unstable eigenvalues $\beta$ and $\beta^*$ are rationally related, then the dynamical behavior of the heteroclinic tangles are with a repetitive pattern for small $\mu$ that is intrinsic in the sense that it becomes more and more precise as $\mu \to 0$. The length of the period in $h = \ln \mu^{-1}$ depends on $\beta$, $\beta^*$ and their order of resonance. If $\beta$ and $\beta^*$ are non-resonant, then the repetitive pattern of dynamical behavior ceases to exist.

We now move on to the proofs of Theorems 2.1-2.4.

**Proof of Theorem 2.1:** Instead of (H3), for theorem 2.1 we only need one non-tangential zero for $\mathcal{W}(\theta)$ and one more for $\mathcal{W}^*(\theta)$, which we denote as $\theta_0$ and $\theta_0^*$ respectively. Let $F = F(\theta, X, \mu)$ be as in (4.2). It then follows that $F = 0$ defines a vertical curve in $\Sigma$ close to $\theta = \theta_0 + C$, which we denote as $\ell_v$. $\ell_v$ is isolated in the sense that $F = 0$ has no other solution in a sufficiently small neighborhood of $\ell_v$. In addition, the sign of $F$ changes from one side of $\ell_v$ to the other in $\Sigma$. We shift $\ell_v$ slightly in the horizontal direction to the side where $\mathcal{F}(\theta, X, \mu)$ is positive and denote the resulting vertical curve as $\hat{\ell}_v$. The vertical strip bounded by $\ell_v$ and $\overrightarrow{\ell}_v$, we denote as $\hat{U}$. For $z = (\theta, X) \in \hat{U}$, we denote the horizontal cone formed by all tangent vectors of slope $< \frac{1}{100}$ as $C_h(z)$ and the vertical cone formed by all tangent vectors of slope $> 100$ as $C_v(z)$, where the slope is defined as the absolute value of the ratio of the $X$-component over the $\theta$-component. Similarly, we obtain $\ell_v^*, \hat{\ell}_v^*, \hat{U}^*$ close to $\theta = \theta_0^* + C^*$ in $\Sigma^*$.

The horizontal boundaries of $\hat{U}$ are defined by $X = -1$ and $X = 1$, and the vertical boundaries are defined by $\ell_v$ and $\hat{\ell}_v$. We call a smooth, non-self-intersecting curve in $\hat{U}$ a vertical curve if all its tangent vectors are in $C_h$, and it connects the two horizontal boundaries of $\hat{U}$. Two non-intersecting vertical curves bound a vertical strip. Let $V \subset \hat{U}$ be a vertical strip. We call a smooth, non-self-intersecting curve in $\hat{U}$ a horizontal curve if all its tangent vectors are in $C_h$ and it connects the two vertical boundaries of $V$. Two non-intersecting horizontal curves in $V$ form a horizontal strip in $\hat{U}$. Same terms are similarly defined on $\hat{U}^*$. We also let $D\mathcal{R}$ be the Jacobian matrix of $\mathcal{R} : \hat{U} \to \Sigma^*$, and $D\mathcal{R}^*$ be the Jacobian matrix of $\mathcal{R}^* : \hat{U}^* \to \Sigma$. It is straight forward to verify by using (3.3) and (3.7) for $\mathcal{R}$ and $\mathcal{R}^*$ that

(a) (Horizontal and vertical strips) $\mathcal{R}(\hat{U}) \cap \hat{U}^* = \cup_{i=1}^{+\infty} H_i^*$, where $\{H_i^*\}$ is a sequence of horizontal strips in $\hat{U}^*$, monotonically accumulating to $\{X = 0\}$ as $i \to +\infty$.

Let $V_i = \mathcal{R}^{-1}(H_i^*)$. Then $\{V_i\}$ is a sequence of vertical strips in $\hat{U}$, monotonically
accumulating to $\ell_v$ as $i \to +\infty$. For $\mathcal{R}^*$, $\{H_i\}$ are such that $\mathcal{R}^*(\tilde{U}^*) \cap \tilde{U} = \bigcup_{i=1}^{+\infty} H_i$ and $\{V_i^*\}$ are such that $V_i^* = (\mathcal{R}^*)^{-1}(H_i)$.

(b) *(Unstable invariant cone condition)* There exists a constant $\lambda > 1$, such that
\[ DR_z(C_h(z)) \subset C_h(\mathcal{R}(z)) \]
for all $z \in \tilde{U}$ and
\[ |DR_z(\tau)| > \lambda|\tau| \]
for all $\tau \in C_h(z)$. Similarly, we have $DR^*_z(C_h(z)) \subset C_h(\mathcal{R}^*(z))$ for all $z \in \tilde{U}^*$ and $|DR^*_z(\tau)| > \lambda|\tau|$ for all $\tau \in C_h(z)$.

(c) *(Stable invariant cone condition)* There exists a constant $\lambda > 1$, such that if $z \in \tilde{U}$ is such that $\mathcal{R}(z) \in \tilde{U}^*$, then
\[ DR^{-1}_{\mathcal{R}(z)}(C_v(\mathcal{R}(z))) \subset C_v(z). \]
In addition, for $\tau \in C_v(\mathcal{R}(z))$,
\[ |DR^{-1}_{\mathcal{R}(z)}(\tau)| > \lambda|\tau|. \]

Similarly, if $z \in \tilde{U}^*$ is such that $\mathcal{R}^*(z) \in \tilde{U}$, then $D(\mathcal{R}^*)^{-1}_{\mathcal{R}^*(z)}(C_v(\mathcal{R}^*(z))) \subset C_v(z)$, and in addition we have for $\tau \in C_v(\mathcal{R}^*(z))$,
\[ |D(\mathcal{R}^*)^{-1}_{\mathcal{R}^*(z)}(\tau)| > \lambda|\tau|. \]

Items (a)-(c) all follow directly from the simple fact that $\ell_v$ and $\ell_v^*$ are defined by using $F = 0$ and $F^* = 0$ respectively, around which derivatives of arbitrarily large magnitude in the horizontal direction are asserted by the logarithmic sign in (3.3) and (3.7). Theorem 2.1 follows directly from (a)-(c). See, for example, [11].

**Proof of Theorem 2.4:** For this theorem to hold we need (H1)-(H3). In particular we need (H3)(ii) and this is to say that all zeros of the Melnikov functions $W(\theta)$ and $W^*(\theta)$ are non-tangential. Let $U = \cup U_i$ be the domain of $\mathcal{R}$, where each $U_i$ is bounded by two vertical curves from solving $F = 0$. Similarly, let $U^* = \cup U^*_j$ be the domain of $\mathcal{R}^*$, where each $U^*_j$ is bounded by two vertical curves from solving $F^* = 0$. For every $U_i$, $\mathcal{R}(U_i)$ is a slight thickening of a 1D curve that wraps around $\Sigma^*$ infinitely many times. We also know that, in the horizontal direction, this 1D curve copies the shape of the dynamical function $D_h(\theta)$. This is to say that it folds near the critical values of $D_h(\theta)$ in the horizontal direction. The locations of the folding points of these 1D images are critically important for the dynamics of $\Lambda$.

By the assumptions imposed on $D_h(\theta)$ and $D_h^*(\theta)$, it follows that, for $\tilde{h}$, all folds of the image $\mathcal{R}(U_i)$ are located in $W^* = \Sigma \setminus U^*$ where $\mathcal{R}^*$ is not defined, and all folds of the image $\mathcal{R}^*(U^*_j)$ are located in $W = \Sigma \setminus U$ where $\mathcal{R}$ is not defined. For $\tilde{h}$ we have actually assumed more: We can verify that if we let $\tilde{U} = U_i$ and $\tilde{U}^* = U^*_j$, then the items (a)-(c) listed above for $\mathcal{R}$ on $\tilde{U}$ and $\mathcal{R}^*$ on $\tilde{U}^*$ in the proof of Theorem 2.1 remain valid. In fact the only technical difference between the current situation and the situation in the previous theorem is that, in the previous case, the magnitude of the derivatives in the horizontal direction is arbitrarily large on $\mathcal{R}^{-1}(\mathcal{R}(U) \cap \tilde{U}^*)$ because of the singularity of the logarithm function, but in the current situation the derivative is only $> 1$ in magnitude in the horizontal direction. The latter, however, is sufficient for items (a)-(c) to hold. It follows then from (a)-(c) that $\Lambda$ for $\mathcal{F}_h$ is a uniformly hyperbolic horseshoe. See, again, [11]. It is also clear that if the assumptions on $\tilde{h}$ hold for one $h$, then they also hold for an open interval of $h$. \[ \square \]
Proof of Theorem 2.2: This proof uses the fact that the separatrix map \( F = R^* \circ R \) is a slight unfolding of the 1D singular limit \( F_h = f_h^* \circ f_h \) and the unfolding is non-degenerate in the \( X \) direction where \( f_h^* \) and \( f_h \) are as in (4.4). The proof goes as follows. We start with a critical point \( c \in S^1 \) of \( f_h \). Let \( h \to +\infty \), we see \( f_h(c) \) wraps around \( S^1 \) infinitely many times.

Let \( I^* \) be a connected component of \( I^+_0 = \{ \theta \in S^1, \ W^*(\theta - C^*) > 0 \} \). We take a closed sub-interval \( J^* \subset I^* \) such that \( D^*(J^*) \) is monotone and \( |D^*(J^*)| > \frac{\beta^*}{\gamma} T + 2T \). Let \((h_1, h_2)\) be such that \( \{f_h(c), \ h \in (h_1, h_2)\} = J^* \), and \( \gamma : (h_1, h_2) \to S^1 \) be such that

\[
\gamma(h) = f_h^*(f_h(c)).
\]

We claim that the image of \( \gamma : (h_1, h_2) \to S^1 \) wraps around \( S^1 \) more than once. This is because (i) \( h_2 - h_1 < \beta^*|J^*| < \beta^* T \), and (ii) \( |\gamma(h_2) - \gamma(h_1)| > |D^*(J^*)| - \frac{1}{\beta} |h_2 - h_1| > 2T \).

Therefore, there exists an \( \tilde{h} \in (h_1, h_2) \) such that \( \gamma(\tilde{h}) = c \). By definition \( c \in S^1 \) is a supercritical fixed point of \( f_h \). We then verify that \( F = R^* \circ R \) for \( \tilde{h} \) admits an attractive periodic fixed point close to \( (\theta, X) = (c, 0) \) by using (3.3) and (3.7). We note that because \( J^* \) is a closed sub-interval of \( I^* \), \( |(f_h^*)'| \) is uniformly bounded on \( J^* \) by a constant that is independent of \( \tilde{h} \). We need this upper bound to be independent of \( h \) because, to find an attractive fixed point for \( F \) from the supercritical fixed point \( c \) for \( f_h \), we have to impose a lower bound on \( h \) that is dependent of the upper bound of \( |(f_h^*)'| \) on \( J^* \). For this reason we use \( J^* \), not \( I^* \), to define the parameter interval \((h_1, h_2)\).

Proof of Theorem 2.3: Let us assume without loss of generality that \( D(\theta) \) has a critical point \( c \in I^*_+ \) that is not degenerate. Let \( I_d \) be a small interval around \( c \) such that the second derivative of \( D(\theta) \) on \( I_d \) is not zero. Denote \( V_d = \{ (\theta, X) : \theta \in I_d \} \). Let \( U_i \) be the vertical strip of \( U \) (where \( R \) is defined) such that \( V_d \subset U_i \). For a given \( \tilde{h} \) that is sufficiently large, we know that close to the vertical boundaries of \( U_i \), there are infinitely many saddle fixed points for the separatrix map \( F \) from Theorem 2.1. Pick one and denote it as \( p \). By making \( p \) sufficiently close to the boundary of \( U_i \), we obtain a parameter interval \((h_1, h_2)\) around \( \tilde{h} \) such that (a) \( h_2 - h_1 > 2\beta^* T \); and (b) the saddle fixed point \( p \) for \( F \) has a smooth continuation on \((h_1, h_2)\), which we denote as \( p(h) : (h_1, h_2) \to \Sigma \). For \( h \in (h_1, h_2) \), the unstable manifold \( W^u(p(h)) \) of \( F \) contains a horizontal segment that comes out of \( p(h) \) and it extends across \( V_d \). Let \( \ell_d(h) \) be the intersection of this horizontal segment with \( V_d \). The image of \( \ell_d(h) \) under \( R \) is a folded piece of 1D curve in \( \Sigma^* \). By \( h_2 - h_1 > 2\beta^* T \) in (a), we know that the tip of \( R(\ell_d(h)) \) wraps around \( \Sigma^* \) in the \( \theta \)-direction in a full round.

As in the proof of the previous theorem, we let \( I^* \) be a connected component of \( I^*_0 = \{ \theta \in S^1, \ W^*(\theta - C^*) > 0 \} \), and we take a closed sub-interval \( J^* \subset I^* \) so that \( D^*(J^*) \) is monotone and \( |D^*(J^*)| > \frac{\beta^*}{\gamma} T + 2T \). We can also require that \( J^* \) is such that \( |(D^*)'(\theta)| > 1 \) on \( J^* \). This last requirement guarantees that \( F(\ell_d) = R^*(R(\ell_d)) \) remains a folded curve with a quadratic tip. In \( \Sigma^* \) we let \( V_d^* = \{ (\theta, X) : \theta \in J^* \} \). Then there is a sub-interval \((h_1^*, h_2^*) \subset (h_1, h_2) \), so that the tips of \( R(\ell_d(h_1^*)) \) and \( R(\ell_d(h_2^*)) \) touch the two vertical boundaries of \( V_d^* \) respectively.

It then follows that, there exists an \( h_0 \in (h_1^*, h_2^*) \), such that \( F(\ell_d(h_0)) \) touches \( W^*(\ell_0(h)) \) tangentially. Therefore, we obtain a homoclinic tangency for \( F \) with \( h = h_0 \). This tangency is a quadratic tangency because of the assumption that \( c \) is a non-degenerate critical point of \( D(\theta) \).

In order to apply the Newhouse theory, however, we need to further prove that the homoclinic tangency obtained above is a transversal tangency. This is to say that we need to
prove that as \( h \) varies, the tip of \( F(\ell_d(h)) \) and \( W^s(p(h)) \) move at different speeds. This is a rather tedious task, for which we need to evoke the theory on most contracted curves and their stabilities with respect to parameters developed in part I of [25]. Computations involved are a little long, but all are essentially presented in detail in Appendix C of [22]. \( \square \)

5. A CONCRETE EXAMPLE OF APPLICATION

In this section we apply the theorems proved in previous sections to a given set of differential equations. In Sect. 5.1 we introduce the equations under study. In Sect. 5.2 we apply Theorems 2.1-2.4 to the equations introduced. In Sect. 5.3 we present the results of a systematic numerical study.

5.1. A given set of differential equations. We start with a second order differential equation

\[
\frac{dx}{dt} = 2xy - \eta (x + \gamma x^2), \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 1 - 2x - y^2
\]

where \( \eta, \gamma \) are constants. Equation (5.1) has two saddles \( P = (0, -1) \), \( P^* = (0, 1) \). The eigenvalues for \( P \) are \( \alpha = -\eta - 2, \beta = 2 \) and the eigenvalues for \( P^* \) are \( \alpha^* = -2, \beta^* = 2 - \eta \). The corresponding eigenvectors for \( \alpha \) and \( \beta \) at \( P = (0, -1) \) are

\[
\xi_\alpha = \left( \frac{4 + \eta}{\sqrt{20 + 8\eta + \eta^2}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{20 + 8\eta + \eta^2}} \right), \quad \xi_\beta = (0, 1)
\]

respectively and the eigenvectors for \( \alpha^* \) and \( \beta^* \) at \( P^* \) are

\[
\xi_{\alpha^*} = (0, -1), \quad \xi_{\beta^*} = \left( \frac{4 - \eta}{\sqrt{20 - 8\eta + \eta^2}}, \frac{-2}{\sqrt{20 - 8\eta + \eta^2}} \right)
\]

respectively. Equation (5.1) admits a heteroclinic solution from \( P \) to \( P^* \), which we denote as \( \ell = (a(t), b(t)) \). We have, for all \( \eta, \gamma \),

\[
a(t) = 0, \quad b(t) = 1 - \frac{2}{e^{2t} + 1}.
\]

It is also straightforward to verify that for any given \( \eta > 0 \) sufficiently small, there exists a unique \( \gamma_\eta \) for \( \gamma \), such that equation (5.1) for \( \gamma = \gamma_\eta \) admits a heteroclinic solution from \( P^* \) to \( P \), which we denote as \( \ell^*_{\eta} = (a^*_{\eta}(t), b^*_{\eta}(t)) \). We do not have an explicit formula for \( \ell^*_{\eta} \) but at \( \eta = 0 \) we have

\[
a^*_{\eta}(t) = \frac{4e^{2t}}{(e^{2t} + 1)^2}, \quad b^*_{\eta}(t) = \frac{2}{e^{2t} + 1} - 1.
\]

In the rest of this section we assume that \( \eta > 0 \) is sufficiently small and \( \gamma = \gamma_\eta \). Let us fix a value of \( \eta \) and set \( \gamma = \gamma_\eta \). We now add a time-periodic perturbation to equation (5.1) to obtain the non-autonomous equation

\[
\frac{dx}{dt} = 2xy - \eta (x + \gamma_\eta x^2) + \mu(y^2 - 1)^2 \sin \omega t, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 1 - 2x - y^2
\]

where \( \mu \) is a parameter representing the magnitude of the perturbation and \( \omega \) is the forcing frequency. Equation (5.6) is the equation we study in this section.
5.2. Application of Theorems 2.1-2.4. First we compute the Melnikov functions. For \( W(\theta) \) we have

\[
E_c(t) = (1, 0) \begin{pmatrix} 2b(t) - \eta & 0 \\ 0 & -2b(t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = 2b(t) - \eta.
\]

It then follows that

\[
W(\theta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( (b(t))^2 - 1 \right)^2 \sin(\omega(t + \theta)) e^{-\int_0^t E_c(s)ds} dt
\]

\[
= \sqrt{J_c^2 + J_s^2} \sin(\omega \theta + \arctan(J_s(J_c^{-1}))),
\]

where

\[
J_c = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ((b(t))^2 - 1)^2 e^{-\int_0^t (2b(s) - \eta)ds} \cos(\omega \theta) dt,
\]

\[
J_s = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} ((b(t))^2 - 1)^2 e^{-\int_0^t (2b(s) - \eta)ds} \sin(\omega \theta) dt.
\]

For \( W^*(\theta) \), we have

\[
E_{c^*}(t) = \frac{(b_0^*(t), -a_0^*(t))}{(a_0^*(t))^2 + (b_0^*(t))^2} \begin{pmatrix} 2b_0^*(t) - \eta(1 + 2\gamma a_0^*(t)) & 2a_0^*(t) \\ -2 & -2b_0^*(t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (b_0^*(t))' \\ - (a_0^*(t))' \end{pmatrix}.
\]

and it follows that

\[
W^*(\theta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(b_0^*(t))(b_0^*(t) - 1)^2 \sin(\omega(t + \theta))}{\sqrt{((a_0^*(t))^2 + ((b_0^*(t))^2)} e^{-\int_0^t E_{c^*}(s)ds} dt
\]

\[
= \sqrt{(J_c^*)^2 + (J_s^*)^2} \sin(\omega \theta + \arctan(J_s(J_c^{-1}))),
\]

where

\[
J_c^* = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(b_0^*(t))(b_0^*(t) - 1)^2}{\sqrt{((a_0^*(t))^2 + ((b_0^*(t))^2)} e^{-\int_0^t E_{c^*}(s)ds} \cos(\omega \theta) dt,
\]

\[
J_s^* = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(b_0^*(t))(b_0^*(t) - 1)^2}{\sqrt{((a_0^*(t))^2 + ((b_0^*(t))^2)} e^{-\int_0^t E_{c^*}(s)ds} \sin(\omega \theta) dt.
\]

**Lemma 5.1.** There exists an \( \eta_0 > 0 \) sufficiently small, such that for all positive \( \eta < \eta_0 \), we have \( J_c^2 + J_s^2 \neq 0, \ (J_c^*)^2 + (J_s^*)^2 \neq 0. \)

**Proof:** It suffices to compute \( J_c, J_s, J_c^*, J_s^* \) at \( \eta = 0 \), for which all quantities involved are explicit. In fact, a direct computation yields that, for \( \eta = 0, \)

\[
J_c = \frac{\pi e^{-\frac{1}{2} \omega \pi}}{60(1 - e^{-\omega \pi})} (\omega^5 + 20\omega^3 + 64\omega), \quad J_s = 0;
\]

\[
J_c^* = -\frac{\pi e^{-\frac{1}{2} \omega \pi}}{60(1 - e^{-\omega \pi})} (\omega^5 + 20\omega^3 + 64\omega), \quad J_s^* = 0.
\]

\[\square\]

We are now ready to apply Theorems 2.1-2.4 to equation (5.6). In the rest of our discussion, the parameters \( \omega, \eta, \gamma \) are fixed in the following order: first we fix an \( \omega \neq 0 \); we then fix an
irrational \( \eta \) sufficiently small, and let \( \gamma = \gamma_\eta \) be such that the heteroclinic solution \( \ell^* \) exists for the unperturbed equation (5.1). Let \( \eta \) be sufficiently small so that Lemma 5.1 holds.

**Verification of (H1)-(H3):** For (H1) we observe that \( \alpha + \beta = -\eta < 0 \), \( \alpha^* + \beta^* = -\eta < 0 \) for \( \eta > 0 \). To satisfy the non-resonance condition, it suffices to make \( \eta \) irrational. For (H2) we observe that for equation (5.6), \( P(x,y,t) = (1 - y^2)\sin \omega t, Q(x,y) = 0 \). (H3) follows directly from (5.8), (5.11) and Lemma 5.1.

**Application of Theorems 2.1 and 2.2:** First we arbitrarily fix a forcing frequency \( \omega > 0 \). We then fix a sufficiently small \( \eta \) that is irrational and let \( \gamma = \gamma_\eta \). Let \( \eta \) be sufficiently small so that Lemma 5.1 holds. Then Theorems 2.1 and 2.2 apply to equation (5.6).

**Application of Theorem 2.3:** It is straightforward to verify that all critical points of

\[
D(\theta) = \theta - \frac{1}{\beta^*} \ln W(\theta - C)
\]

are non-degenerate for all \( C \) and all \( \omega \) where \( W(\theta) \) is as in (5.8). This is sufficient for Theorem 2.3 to apply.

**Application of Theorem 2.4:** We prove that there exists an \( \omega_0 > 0 \) sufficiently large, so that for any given \( \omega > \omega_0 \), there exists an \( \eta_0 \) depending on \( \omega \), so that for any given irrational \( 0 < \eta < \eta_0 \) and \( \gamma_\eta \), there are infinitely many \( \tilde{h} \to \infty \), so that the assumptions of Theorem 2.4 are satisfied.

We start our proof of this statement by observing that, for \( \omega \) sufficiently large,

\[
(5.13) \quad |J|, |J^*| = \mathcal{O}(\omega^{-2})
\]

where \( J, J^* \) be as in (2.12). This follows directly from (5.8) and (5.11).

Next, let \( C, C^*, K, K^* \) be as in (2.8) and (2.11) respectively. We have

\[
D_\hbar(\theta) = \frac{\hbar}{\beta^*} + K + \theta - \frac{1}{\beta^*} \ln \sqrt{J^2 + J_s^2} \sin(\omega(\theta - \psi))
\]

\[
D_\hbar^*(\theta) = \frac{\hbar}{\beta} + K^* + \theta - \frac{1}{\beta} \ln \sqrt{(J^*_c)^2 + (J^*_s)^2} \sin(\omega(\theta - \psi^*)).
\]

where

\[
\psi = C - \omega^{-1} \arctan J_s J_c^{-1}, \quad \psi^* = C^* - \omega^{-1} \arctan J_s^*(J_c^*)^{-1}.
\]

We also have from (2.9),

\[
I_- = (\psi - \frac{\pi}{\omega}, \psi), \quad I^*_- = (\psi^* - \frac{\pi}{\omega}, \psi^*)
\]

where \( I_- \) and \( I^*_- \) are both treated as intervals in \( S^1 = \mathbb{R}/(2\pi \omega^{-1} \mathbb{Z}) \). (5.13) implies that, for \( \omega \) sufficiently large, it suffices for us to prove

**Lemma 5.2.** There exist infinitely many values of \( h \), such that

\[
(5.14) \quad D_\hbar(\pi(2\omega)^{-1} + \psi) \in I^*_-, \quad D_\hbar^*(\pi(2\omega)^{-1} + \psi^*) \in I_-,
\]

**Proof:** (5.14) holds if and only if there exists a pair of integers \( (m, n) \) such that

\[
(5.15) \quad \frac{h}{\beta^*} - 2\pi \omega^{-1} n \in -K - \pi(2\omega)^{-1} + \psi - \psi^* - \frac{1}{\beta^*} \ln \sqrt{J^2 + J_s^2} + (-\frac{\pi}{\omega}, 0)
\]

\[
(5.16) \quad \frac{h}{\beta} - 2\pi \omega^{-1} m \in -K^* - \pi(2\omega)^{-1} + \psi - \psi^* - \frac{1}{\beta} \ln \sqrt{(J^*_c)^2 + (J^*_s)^2} + (-\frac{\pi}{\omega}, 0).
\]
Direct computation yields that, at $\eta = 0$, 
\[
C = \frac{1}{4} \ln 20, \quad C^* = \frac{1}{2} \ln 2, \quad K = \frac{1}{4} \ln 2000, \quad K^* = \frac{1}{4} \ln 80,
\]
from which it follows that, at $\eta = 0$, 
\[
-\beta - \pi (2\omega)^{-1} + \psi - \psi^* = -\beta^* - \pi (2\omega)^{-1} + \psi^* - \psi \mod (2\pi \omega^{-1}).
\]
Here we also use the fact that $|J_c^*| = |J_c|, \ J_s = J_s^* = 0$ at $\eta = 0$. Therefore the two intervals at the right-hand side of (5.15) and (5.16) in $S^1 = (0, 2\pi \omega^{-1})$ overlap completely at $\eta = 0$. Since the size of both intervals is $\pi \omega^{-1}$, it then follows that, for $\eta > 0$ sufficiently small, they overlap in $S^1$. Denote the intersection of these two intervals as $\tilde{I}$. Let $n_0, m_0$ be such that 
\[
-\beta - \frac{3}{2} \pi (2\omega)^{-1} + \psi - \psi^* - 2\pi n_0 \omega^{-1} - \frac{1}{\beta^*} \ln \sqrt{J_c^2 + J_s^2} \in (0, 2\pi \omega^{-1})
\]
\[
-\beta^* - \frac{3}{2} \pi (2\omega)^{-1} + \psi^* - \psi - 2\pi m_0 \omega^{-1} - \frac{1}{\beta^*} \ln \sqrt{J_c^{*2} + J_s^{*2}} \in (0, 2\pi \omega^{-1}).
\]
Then (5.15) and (5.16) hold if 
\[
\frac{h}{\beta^*} - 2\pi \omega^{-1} (n - n_0) \in \tilde{I} \quad (5.17)
\]
\[
\frac{h}{\beta} - 2\pi \omega^{-1} (m - m_0) \in \tilde{I} \quad (5.18)
\]
We prove that there exist infinitely many $h$, each accompanied by a pair $(n(h), m(h))$, such that both (5.17) and (5.18) are fulfilled. Let $(q_k, p_k)$ be such that 
\[
\frac{\beta}{\beta^*} = \frac{p_k}{q_k} + \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{q_k}).
\]
We let 
\[
n - n_0 = p_k, \quad m - m_0 = q_k, \quad h = 2\pi \omega^{-1} \beta^* p_k + \beta^* \theta_0 \quad \text{where} \ \theta_0 \in (0, 2\pi \omega^{-1}) \ \text{is the middle point of} \ \tilde{I}.
\]
(5.17) is directly fulfilled by design. For (5.18), we observe that 
\[
\frac{h}{\beta} - 2\pi \omega^{-1} (m - m_0) = 2\pi \omega^{-1} \frac{\beta^*}{\beta} p_k - 2\pi \omega^{-1} q_k + \frac{\beta^*}{\beta} \theta_0 = \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{q_k}) + \frac{\beta^*}{\beta} \theta_0 \in \tilde{I}
\]
for all $k$ sufficiently large. 

5.3. **Numerical Simulations.** In this subsection we present a systematic numerical study of the periodically forced equation 
\[
\frac{dx}{dt} = 2xy - \eta(x + \gamma \eta x^2) + \mu(y^2 - 1)^2 \sin 2\pi t, \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = 1 - 2x - y^2.
\]
Our study is guided by the theory developed in the previous sections. Let $\Lambda_\mu$ be the heteroclinic tangle as defined at the end of Sect. 2.1 for equation (5.19). From the conclusions of Sect. 5.2 we know that 

(I) There are three major dynamical scenarios for $\Lambda_\mu$ competing in the $\mu$-space. They are 

(A) **Transient tangles** asserted by Theorem 2.4; 

(B) **Tangles dominated by sinks** representing stable dynamics asserted by Theorem 2.2; 

(C) **Hénon-like attractors** representing chaos asserted by Theorem 2.3.
As $\mu \to 0$, the dynamical behavior of the heteroclinic tangles are organized in a pattern determined by the unstable eigenvalues $\beta$ and $\beta^*$. Both (I) and (II) are instructive in numerical explorations. We can now tell comprehensively what to expect, and confirm these expectations in numerical simulations of equation (5.19) around the unperturbed heteroclinic loop.

A. Simulation procedure

The initial phase position $(x_0, y_0)$ is always fixed at $x_0 = 0.05$, $y_0 = 0.05$. For the parameter $\eta$, simulations are performed for two specific values: $\eta = 1.0$ and $\eta = \frac{2}{3}$. We first integrate the unperturbed equation (by setting $\mu = 0$ in (5.19)) to find $\gamma_\eta$, the value of $\gamma$ that admits a heteroclinic solution from $P^* = (0, 1)$ to $P = (0, -1)$. Because in our simulation $\mu$ reaches $10^{-8}$ in magnitude, we calculate the values of $\gamma_\eta$ up to the precision of $10^{-12}$. The values of $\eta$ and $\gamma_\eta$ are listed in Table 1.

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Table 1. The values of $\eta$ and $\gamma_\eta$

Let the initial phase position $(x_0, y_0)$ and the values of $\eta$ and $\gamma = \gamma_\eta$ be fixed as above. Next we fix a value of $\mu$. The range for $\mu$ is in between $10^{-3}$ to $10^{-8}$. We then vary the initial time $t_0$ over $[0, T)$ where $T = 1$ is the forcing period for equation (5.19). Every $t_0$ now defines a solution, which we compute numerically by using the fourth-order Runge-Kutta method. By Propositions 3.1 and 3.2, the dynamics of the heteroclinic tangle $\Lambda_\mu$ for a given value of $\mu$ is best reflected in the different behavior of the solutions over different initial times.

We use the following format in plotting a solution. Three plots, labelled as sub-figures (a), (b) and (c), are presented. See Figure 6(a)-(c) and Figure 7(a)-(c). We use (a) to plot $(x(kT), y(kT))$. This is to say that to plot (a) is to view the solution in the form of a discrete orbit of the time-T map. (b) is a plot for $(k, x(kT))$, the $x$-coordinate versus the time. (c) is the Fourier spectrum of $x(kT)$.

Technical restrictions imposed by the assumptions of the theorems are often disregarded in numerical simulations. $\eta = 1$ and $\frac{2}{3}$ are way out of the range that validate the theorems and they both defy the assumption that $\eta$ is irrational. Our purpose is not to numerically confirm the conclusions the theorems asserted, but to use them as a guidance and a motivation to explore numerically the possibilities for the dynamics of the heteroclinic tangles of equation (5.19).

B. Behavior of individual solutions

All solutions we integrate fall into one of the three categories as follows

1. The solution quickly leaves the neighborhood of the unperturbed heteroclinic loop. In this case this solution does not catch anything directly observable inside of the heteroclinic tangle and there is nothing to plot.

2. The solution stays forever close to the unperturbed heteroclinic loop, and the plots returned are as shown in Figure 6. In this case the numerical integration catches a periodic sink inside of the heteroclinic tangle. Isolated dots shown in Figure 6(a) represent a discrete periodic orbit for the time-T map. Horizontal lines in Figure 6(b) illustrate that the discrete orbit plotted in (a) is indeed a periodic orbit.
Figure 6. Periodic sink with $\eta = 1$, $\mu = 3.5 \cdot 10^{-6}$, $t_0 = 0.4$

(3) The solution again stays close to the unperturbed heteroclinic loop and the plots returned are as in Figure 7. Figure 7(a) is a plot of a Hénon-like attractor of Theorem 2.3, in which chaos is displayed around a periodic solution. The periodic pattern of the discrete orbit and the randomness of the $x$-coordinate are clearly illustrated in Figure 7(b).

Figure 7. Hénon-like attractor with $\eta = 1$, $\mu = 1.43 \cdot 10^{-3}$, $t_0 = 0.2$

C. Three types of heteroclinic tangles We fix a value of $\mu$ and varying $t_0$ over $[0, 1)$ with $\Delta t_0 = 0.001$. This is to say we integrate, numerically, one thousand solutions for a given $\mu$
value. Numerical simulations, for all values of $\mu$, return one of the three types of heteroclinic tangles as follows.

(I)(A) (Transient Tangles) In this case, all solutions leave the neighborhood of the heteroclinic loop of the unperturbed equation. This implies that the corresponding heteroclinic tangle contains no dynamical object that is directly observable. For this value of $\mu$, the heteroclinic tangle is the type asserted by Theorem 2.4. We note that the attractive basin of a uniformly hyperbolic horseshoe is a set of Lebesgue measure zero therefore a horseshoe is not a directly observable object.

(I)(B) (Tangles Dominated by Sinks) In this case, there are values of $t_0$, for which the corresponding solutions stay close to the unperturbed heteroclinic loop forever. When plotted, such solutions are all in the same category as that of Figure 6. In this case we have a heteroclinic tangle dominated by periodic sinks representing stable dynamics.

(I)(C) (Hénon-like Attractors) Again, solutions for some $t_0$ stay close to the unperturbed heteroclinic loop for all time, but the plots returned are the likes of Figure 7. In this case we have a heteroclinic tangle with a Hénon-like attractor representing chaos in a directly observable form.

D. The Quasi-Periodic Occurrence of Dynamical Behavior For heteroclinic tangles, there are two intrinsic multiplicative periods induced by the two unstable eigenvalues $\beta$ and $\beta^*$, and the occurrence of the three types of heteroclinic tangles is organized by the two working together. If $\beta$ and $\beta^*$ are rationally related, say, $\beta/\beta^* = m/n$, then there would be a repeating periodic pattern and the multiplicative period for $\mu$ would be $e^{\beta n T} = e^{\beta^* m T}$ where $T$ is the forcing period. As the order of the resonance of $\beta$ and $\beta^*$ go higher, the multiplicative period would get larger and the repeating periodic pattern become more complicated. The periodicity of dynamical behavior would disappear as $\beta$ and $\beta^*$ become irrationally related.

To illustrate this pattern of dynamical behavior, we simulate using $\eta = 1$ and $\eta = 2/3$. In the case of $\eta = 1$, we have $\beta = 2$, $\beta^* = 1$. According to the theory, there is a repetitive pattern of dynamical behavior and the multiplicative period is $e^2 \approx 7.389$. Simulation results for $\eta = 1$ are tabulated in Table 2. The transitional values of $\mu$, at which the heteroclinic tangles change from one type to another, are tabulated. The repetitive pattern in one multiplicative period, with the precision for $\mu$ initially set up to two effective digits, is

$I(C), I(B), I(A), I(C), I(B), I(A), I(B), I(A)$.

As shown in Table 2, this pattern repeats as we run the value of $\mu$ down to the magnitude of $10^{-7}$. The ratios of the values of $\mu$ for the same position in this repetitive pattern in consecutive periods are calculated and they all appear reasonably close to $e^2 \approx 7.389$. In later periods, the precision for the value of $\mu$ are maintained up to four effective digits.

Table 3 is for $\eta = 2/3$. In this case the theoretical value of the multiplicative period is $e^4 \approx 54.597$. Again, the transitional $\mu$ values and the corresponding type of heteroclinic tangles are tabulated. Since the order of resonance is now higher, the dynamical pattern inside one multiplicative period is more complicated. The repetitive pattern within one multiplicative period, with the precision for $\mu$ initially set up to two effective digits, is

$I(A), I(B), I(A), I(C), I(A), I(C), I(B), I(A), I(B), I(A)$.

This pattern again repeats periodically, as shown in Table 3, as we run the value of $\mu$ down to the magnitude of $10^{-8}$. The ratios of the values of $\mu$ for the same position in this repetitive
pattern in consecutive periods are again calculated and they all appear reasonably close to $e^4 \approx 54.597$. In later periods, the precision for the values of $\mu$ is again maintained up to four effective digits. Because the order of non-resonance is higher in this case, the multiplicative period and the string for the pattern of dynamical behavior in one period are both longer.

We caution that, in theory, the dynamical pattern inside each of the multiplicative period is always infinitely complicated. In simulations, however, there are only finitely many possibilities and the level of complexity showing up depends on the level of precision one decides to adopt. Therefore the comparisons in complexity we talked above are comparisons made by using the same level of precision for $\mu$.

We also caution that the transitional values of $\mu$ presented in Tables 2 and 3 depend sensitively not only on the adopted level of precision of the parameters, but also on the step size of the numerical integration and even the way the program is written and compiled. The $\mu$ values presented in Tables 1-3 would be all slightly off if the reader uses his/her own program. What is always repeatable, however, is the three types of heteroclinic tangles and the periodic patterns shown in Tables 2 and 3. Since we are simulating a delicate dynamical situation of infinitesimal precision, this is completely expected and is indeed a nice character of the theory.
HETEROCLINIC TANGLES IN TIME-PERIODIC EQUATIONS

\[ \eta = 1, \quad \gamma = -1.288434637703 \]

Theoretic ratio \( \approx 7.389 \)

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Table 2. Multiplicative periodicity of dynamical behavior with \( \eta = 1 \)
\[ \eta = 0.666666666666. \quad \gamma = -1.266580375163 \]

Theoretical ratio \( \approx 54.597 \)

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Table 3. Multiplicative periodicity of dynamical behavior with \( \eta = \frac{2}{3} \)
Appendix A. Derivation of the separatrix map

In this appendix we derive the formula for \( \mathcal{R} : \Sigma \to \Sigma^* \) in Proposition 3.1. The Poincaré sections \( \Sigma, \Gamma, \Sigma_*, \Gamma_* \) are introduced in precise terms by using the linearized coordinates around \( P \) and \( P^* \) in Sect. A.1. Normal forms around the heteroclinic solutions are derived in Sect. A.3. Issues related to coordinate conversion are discussed in detail in Sect. A.4. Derivations for the formula \( \mathcal{R}^* : \Sigma^* \to \Sigma \) in Proposition 3.2 are similar.

A.1. The Poincaré sections. We start with the linearization of the equation (2.3) on \( B_\varepsilon(P) \), the \( \varepsilon \)-neighborhood of the fixed point \( P = (q, p) \). Let \( J \) be the Jacobian matrix of the equation (2.1) at \( P \), \( \alpha < 0 < \beta \) be the eigenvalues of \( J \) and let \( \xi_\alpha, \xi_\beta \) be their corresponding eigenvectors. We say that \( \alpha \) and \( \beta \) are non-resonant up to order \( N_0 \) if there exist no integers \( m, n > 0, m + n \leq N_0 \), so that

\[
ma + nb = 0.
\]

We introduce a coordinate change \( \mathcal{L}_\mu : (x, y) \to (X, Y) \) by letting

\[
(A.1) \quad \begin{pmatrix} x - q \\ y - p \end{pmatrix} = M \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} F(X, Y) \\ G(X, Y) \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{F}(X, Y, \theta) \\ \tilde{G}(X, Y, \theta) \end{pmatrix}
\]

where \( M \) is the two by two matrix taking \( \xi_\alpha, \xi_\beta \) as its two columns, and we have

\[
M^{-1}JM = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \beta \end{pmatrix}.
\]

\( F(X, Y), G(X, Y), \tilde{F}(X, Y, \theta), \tilde{G}(X, Y, \theta) \) are terms of order at least two in \( (X, Y) \) at \( (0, 0) \) defined on \( |(X, Y)| < \|M^{-1}\|\varepsilon \), and there exists a constant \( K \) independent of \( \varepsilon \) and \( \mu \) such that their \( C^r \)-norms in \( X, Y, \theta \) are \( < K \). Recall that \( r > 3 \) is the desired smoothness for the separatrix map. We have

**Proposition A.1.** There exists an \( N_0 > 0 \) depending on \( r \), such that if we assume that \( f(x, y), g(x, y), P(x, y, t), Q(x, y, t) \) are \( C^{N_0} \) and \( \alpha, \beta \) are non-resonant up to degree \( N_0 \), then there exists a change of coordinates \( (x, y) \to (X, Y) \) as in (A.1), such that it transforms the equation (2.3) to the linear equation

\[
\frac{dX}{dt} = \alpha X, \quad \frac{dY}{dt} = \beta Y, \quad \frac{d\theta}{dt} = 1
\]

on \( |(X, Y)| < \|M^{-1}\|\varepsilon \) provided that \( \mu, \varepsilon, \mu << \varepsilon \), are both sufficiently small.

We note that the assumptions of this proposition are fulfilled by the assumption (H1).

**Poincaré sections \( \Sigma \) and \( \Gamma \):** Let \((0, A)\) be such that \( \mathcal{L}_0^{-1}(0, A) = \ell(-L_-) \). We have \( A \approx \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon \). We define \( \Sigma \) in the space of \((X, Y, \theta)\) by letting

\[
\Sigma = \{(X, Y, \theta) : |X| < \mu, \quad Y = A, \quad \theta \in S^1\}
\]

Similarly, let \((B, 0)\) be such that \( \mathcal{L}_0^{-1}(B, 0) = \ell^*(L_+^*) \). We have \( B \approx \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon \). We define \( \Gamma \) in the space of \((X, Y, \theta)\) by letting

\[
\Gamma = \{(X, Y, \theta) : X = B, \quad |Y| = K_1(\varepsilon)\mu, \quad \theta \in S^1\}
\]

where \( K_1(\varepsilon) \) is a constant independent of \( \mu \), the value of which we will define in precise terms momentarily. We denote the images of \( \Sigma \) and \( \Gamma \) in the space of \((x, y, \theta)\) under \( \mathcal{L}_\mu^{-1} \) as \( \Sigma_\mu \) and
\[ \Sigma_\mu = \mathcal{L}_\mu^{-1} \Sigma, \quad \Gamma_\mu = \mathcal{L}_\mu^{-1} \Gamma. \]

See Figure 8.

Figure 8. The Poincaré Sections

In completely similar terms, we assume that \( \alpha^* \) and \( \beta^* \) are non-resonant up to order \( N_0 \) and we linearize equation (2.3) on \( B_\epsilon^*(P^*) \) by using a coordinate transformation \( \mathcal{L}^*_\mu : (x, y) \rightarrow (X, Y) \) in the form of

\[
(A.2) \quad \begin{pmatrix} x - q^* \\ y - p^* \end{pmatrix} = M^* \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} F^*(X, Y) \\ G^*(X, Y) \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{F}^*(X, Y, \theta) \\ \tilde{G}^*(X, Y, \theta) \end{pmatrix}.
\]

Let \( A^* \) be such that \( (\mathcal{L}^*_0)^{-1}(0, A^*) = \ell^*(-L^*) \) and \( B^* \) be such that \( (\mathcal{L}^*_0)^{-1}(B^*, 0) = \ell(L_+) \). \( \Sigma^*, \Sigma^*_\mu, \Sigma^*_\mu \) are defined by letting

\[ \Sigma^* = \{(X, Y, \theta) : |X| < \mu, \ Y = A^*, \ \theta \in S^1\}; \quad \Sigma^*_\mu = (\mathcal{L}^*_\mu)^{-1} \Sigma^* \]

and

\[ \Gamma^* = \{(X, Y, \theta) : X = B^*, \ |Y| = K^*_\epsilon(\epsilon)\mu, \ \theta \in S^1\}; \quad \Gamma^*_\mu = (\mathcal{L}^*_\mu)^{-1} \Gamma^*. \]

Let \( \mathcal{M} : \Sigma_\mu \rightarrow \Gamma^*_\mu \) be induced by the solutions of equation (2.3) and \( \mathcal{N}^* : \Gamma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^* \) be induced by the linearized equation

\[
(A.3) \quad \frac{dX}{dt} = \alpha^*X, \quad \frac{dY}{dt} = \beta^*Y, \quad \frac{d\theta}{dt} = 1
\]

on \( B_\epsilon^*(P^*) \). Our objective here is to derive a formula for the map \( \mathcal{R} : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma^* \) where

\[ \mathcal{R} = \mathcal{N}^* \circ \mathcal{L}^*_\mu \circ \mathcal{M} \circ \mathcal{L}^{-1}_\mu. \]
A.2. The derivation of $N^*$. A formula for $N^* : \Gamma^* \to \Sigma^*$ induced by the linear equation (A.3) is straight forward. Since we have $X = B^*$ on $\Gamma^*$, a point on $\Gamma^*$ is represented by a pair $(Y, \theta)$. Similarly, a point on $\Sigma^*$ is represented by a pair $(X, \theta)$ because $Y = A^*$ on $\Sigma^*$. We also re-scale the variables $(X,Y)$ by letting

$$\ell X = \mu^{-1}X, \quad \ell Y = \mu^{-1}Y. \quad (A.4)$$

A point on $\Gamma^*$ is represented by a pair $(\ell Y, \theta)$ and a point on $\Sigma^*$ is represented by a pair $(\ell X, \theta)$. With these coordinates, we write $(\ell X, \ell Y) = N^*(Y, \theta)$. We have

Lemma A.1. For $(\ell X, \ell Y) = N^*(Y, \theta)$,

$$\ell \theta = \theta + \frac{1}{\beta} \ln(\mu^{-1}A^*) - \frac{1}{\beta} \ln Y; \quad \ell X = B^* A^* \ell Y - \frac{\ell}{\ell Y} - \frac{1}{\ell Y} Y - \ell Y.$$  

Proof: From solving

$$\ell X = \mu^{-1} B^* e^{\alpha \ell \theta - \theta} \mu^{-1} Y; \quad \mu^{-1} A^* = \mu^{-1} B^* e^{\beta \ell \theta - \theta},$$

the conclusion of this lemma directly follows. \hfill \square

A.3. Normal form around heteroclinic solutions. To derive a formula for $\mathcal{M} : \Sigma^* \to \Gamma^*$, we work in a small neighborhood of size $O(\mu)$ around the heteroclinic solution $\ell$ in $(x, y, \theta)$-space, which we denote as $D$. We let

$$D = \{(x, y) : |(x, y) - \ell(t)| < K_1(\varepsilon) \mu, \quad t \in (-2L_-, 2L_+), \quad D = D \times S^1. \}$$

First we introduce a coordinate change from $(x, y)$ to $(s, z)$ on $D$ as follows. Regard the heteroclinic solution $\ell$ as a parameterized curve in the $(x, y)$-plane, and the time $t$ in the solution formula $\ell(t)$ as the parameter. We use $s$ to write $\ell(s)$ to indicate that $s$ is a new phase variable, not the time. On $D$, we let $(s, z)$ be such that

$$(x, y) = \ell(s) + \tau^\perp(s)z. \quad (A.5)$$

We recall that $\ell(s) = (a(s), b(s))$ where $(a(t), b(t))$ satisfies equation (2.1); $\tau^\perp(s) = (u(s), v(s))$ where

$$u(s) = |(a'(s), b'(s))|^{-1} a'(s), \quad v(s) = |(a'(s), b'(s))|^{-1} b'(s);$$

and $\tau^\perp(s) = (v(s), -u(s))$. Differentiating with respect to $t$ on both sides of (A.5), we obtain

$$(d\ell(s) + z d\tau^\perp(s)) \frac{ds}{dt} + \tau^\perp(s) \frac{dz}{dt} = (F(s, z, \theta, \mu), G(s, z, \theta, \mu)) \quad (A.6)$$

where

$$F(s, z, \theta, \mu) = f(\ell(s) + \tau^\perp(s)z) + \mu P(\ell(s) + \tau^\perp(s)z, \theta)$$

and

$$G(s, z, \theta, \mu) = g(\ell(s) + \tau^\perp(s)z) + \mu Q(\ell(s) + \tau^\perp(s)z, \theta). \quad (A.7)$$

From (A.6) it follows that

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = \tau^\perp(s) \cdot (F(s, z, \theta, \mu), G(s, z, \theta, \mu))$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = \tau^\perp(s) \cdot (F(s, z, \theta, \mu), G(s, z, \theta, \mu)). \quad (A.8)$$

As a final step, we re-scale $z$ by letting

$$z = \mu^{-1} z. \quad (A.9)$$
We write equation (A.8) in variables $(s, Z)$ as
\[
\frac{ds}{dt} = \tau_\varepsilon(s) \cdot (F(s, \mu Z, \theta, \mu), G(s, \mu Z, \theta, \mu)) \quad \frac{dZ}{dt} = \mu^{-1} \tau_\varepsilon(s) \cdot (F(s, \mu Z, \theta, \mu), G(s, \mu Z, \theta, \mu)).
\]
(A.10)

Therefore on the domain defined by
\[
D = \{ |Z| < K_1(\varepsilon), \ s \in (-2L_-, 2L_+), \ \theta \in S^1 \}
\]
we have
\[
\frac{ds}{dt} = 1 + O_{s, Z, \theta, h}(\mu)
\]
\[
\frac{dZ}{dt} = E_\varepsilon(s)Z + (P(\ell(s), \theta), Q(\ell(s), \theta)) \cdot \tau_\varepsilon(s) + O_{s, Z, \theta, h}(\mu)
\]
where
\[
E_\varepsilon(s) = \tau_\varepsilon(s) \left( \frac{\partial_x f(\ell(s))}{\partial_y f(\ell(s))} \right) \tau_\varepsilon(s).\]
is as in (2.5).

A.4. Conversion of coordinates. The variables $(X, Y, \theta)$ and $(s, Z, \theta)$ are related by the coordinate transforms (A.1), (A.5) and the re-scales (A.4), (A.9). A point in $\Sigma$ is represented by a pair $(X, \theta)$ and $Y$ is such that $Y = \mu^{-1}A$. A point in $\Sigma_\mu$ is also represented by a pair $(Z, \theta)$, but the value of the third coordinate $s$ is now a dependent of $Z$ and $\theta$. We start with a simple claim on the function $s = s(Z, \theta)$ that defines $\Sigma_\mu$.

Lemma A.2. For $(s, Z, \theta) \in \Sigma_\mu$, we have $s = -L_- + O_{Z, \theta, h}(\mu)$.

Proof: From (A.1) and(A.5), we have on $\Sigma_\mu$,
\[
\ell(s) - P + \tau_\varepsilon(s)z = M \begin{pmatrix} X \\ A \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} F(X, A) \\ G(X, A) \end{pmatrix} \mu \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{F}(X, A, \theta) \\ \tilde{G}(X, A, \theta) \end{pmatrix}
\]
We also have by definition,
\[
\ell(-L_-) - P = M \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ A \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} F(0, A) \\ G(0, A) \end{pmatrix}.
\]
By combining the two above we obtain
\[
\ell(s) - \ell(-L_-) + \tau_\varepsilon(s)z = M \begin{pmatrix} X \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} F(X, A) - F(0, A) \\ G(X, A) - G(0, A) \end{pmatrix} + \mu \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{F}(X, A, \theta) \\ \tilde{G}(X, A, \theta) \end{pmatrix}
\]
Let
\[
\begin{pmatrix} W_1 \\ W_2 \end{pmatrix} = M^{-1}(\ell(s) - \ell(-L_-) + \tau_\varepsilon(s)z) - \mu M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{F}(0, A, \theta) \\ \tilde{G}(0, A, \theta) \end{pmatrix}
\]
We have from (A.12)
\[
\begin{pmatrix} W_1 \\ W_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} X \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} F(X, A) - F(0, A) \\ G(X, A) - G(0, A) \end{pmatrix} + \mu M^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{F}(X, A, \theta) - \tilde{F}(0, A, \theta) \\ \tilde{G}(X, A, \theta) - \tilde{G}(0, A, \theta) \end{pmatrix}
\]
which we rewrite as
\begin{align}
W_1 &= (1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon) + \mu [\mathcal{O}_\theta(1) + \mathcal{O}_{\theta,h}(\mu)]) X + [\mathcal{O}_{X,\theta}(1) + \mathcal{O}_{X,\theta,h}(\mu)] X^2, \\
W_2 &= (\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon) + \mu [\mathcal{O}_\theta(1) + \mathcal{O}_{\theta,h}(\mu)]) X + [\mathcal{O}_{X,\theta}(1) + \mathcal{O}_{X,\theta,h}(\mu)] X^2.
\end{align}
We first obtain
\begin{align}
X &= (1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon) + \mu [\mathcal{O}_\theta(1) + \mathcal{O}_{\theta,h}(\mu)]) W_1 + [\mathcal{O}_{W_1,\theta}(1) + \mathcal{O}_{W_1,\theta,h}(\mu)] W_1^2
\end{align}
by inverting the first line in (A.14). We then substitute it into the second line in (A.14) to obtain
\begin{align}
W_2 &= (\mathcal{O}(\varepsilon) + \mu [\mathcal{O}_\theta(1) + \mathcal{O}_{\theta,h}(\mu)]) W_1 + [\mathcal{O}_{W_1,\theta}(1) + \mathcal{O}_{W_1,\theta,h}(\mu)] W_1^2
\end{align}
where \(W_1, W_2\) as functions of \(s, Z, \theta\) are defined by (A.13). Recall that \(\xi_\alpha\) and \(\xi_\beta\) are the two eigenvectors of the Jacobian matrix \(J\) of equation (2.1) at \(P = (q, p)\), and \(M\) is the two by two matrix defined by \(\xi_\alpha\) and \(\xi_\beta\) as its two columns. It follows that \(M^{-1}\) is the two by two matrix defined by \(\xi_\beta^\perp\) and \(-\xi_\alpha^\perp\) as its two rows, divided also by \(\det(M)\). We have
\begin{align}
W_1 &= \frac{1}{\det(M)} \xi_\beta^\perp \cdot \left( (\ell(s) - (L_\theta) + \mu \tau_\ell^\perp(s) Z - \mu \left( \tilde{\alpha}(0, A, \theta) \right) \right) \\
W_2 &= \frac{-1}{\det(M)} \xi_\alpha^\perp \cdot \left( (\ell(s) - (L_\theta) + \mu \tau_\ell^\perp(s) Z - \mu \left( \tilde{\alpha}(0, A, \theta) \right) \right).
\end{align}
Let \(\eta = s + L_\theta\). We rewrite \(W_1\) and \(W_2\) as
\begin{align}
W_1 &= \frac{1}{\det(M)} \xi_\beta^\perp \cdot \left| (\ell'(L_\theta) - (L_\theta)) \right| (\eta + \mathcal{O}_\theta(1)) + \mathcal{O}_{\eta,Z,\theta,h}(\mu) \\
W_2 &= \frac{-1}{\det(M)} \xi_\alpha^\perp \cdot \left| (\ell'(L_\theta) - (L_\theta)) \right| \eta + \mathcal{O}_\theta(1) + \mathcal{O}_{\eta,Z,\theta,h}(\mu).
\end{align}
Substituting into (A.16), we obtain
\begin{align}
-(\xi_\alpha^\perp + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon) \xi_\beta^\perp) \cdot \tau_\ell(-L_\theta) \ell'(L_\theta) \eta + \mathcal{O}_{\eta,Z,\theta,h}(\eta) = \mathcal{O}_{\eta,Z,\theta,h}(\mu).
\end{align}
Note that we have
\begin{align}
| (\xi_\alpha^\perp + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon) \xi_\beta^\perp) \cdot \tau_\ell(-L_\theta) \ell'(L_\theta) | \approx (\ell'(L_\theta) ||\xi_\alpha^\perp \cdot \xi_\beta|| \mu) \mathcal{O}(\mu)
\end{align}
where the fact that \(\tau_\ell(-L_\theta) \approx \xi_\beta\) is used. It then follows that \(\eta = \mathcal{O}_{Z,\theta,h}(\mu)\).

We also need the following refinement of Lemma A.2

**Lemma A.3.** We have for \((s, Z, \theta)\) on \(\Sigma_\mu\),
\begin{align}
s + L_\theta &= -\mu (\xi_\alpha^\perp \cdot \tau_\ell^\perp(-L_\theta) + O(\varepsilon) \xi_\beta^\perp \cdot \tau_\ell^\perp(-L_\theta)) Z + \mathcal{O}_\theta(1) + \mathcal{O}_{Z,\theta,h}(\mu^2).
\end{align}

**Proof:** It suffices for us to drop all terms that are \(\mathcal{O}_{Z,\theta,h}(\mu^2)\) in equation (A.16) by using (A.17) to solve for \(s + L_\theta\). Note that it is important that we can use
\begin{align}
\eta = s + L_\theta = \mathcal{O}_{Z,\theta,h}(\mu).
\end{align}
With terms of \(\mathcal{O}_{Z,\theta,h}(\mu^2)\) all dropped out, (A.16) becomes
\begin{align}
\eta &= -\mu (\xi_\alpha^\perp \cdot \tau_\ell^\perp(-L_\theta) + O(\varepsilon) \xi_\beta^\perp \cdot \tau_\ell^\perp(-L_\theta)) Z + \mathcal{O}_\theta(1)
\end{align}
We finally have the following on \( \mathcal{L}_\mu^{-1} : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma_\mu \).

**Lemma A.4.** For \((X, \theta) \in \Sigma\), let \((s, Z, \theta) = \mathcal{L}_\mu^{-1}(X, \theta)\). Then we have

\[
X = \frac{1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)}{\xi_\alpha \cdot \xi_\beta^s} Z + \mathcal{O}_\theta(1) + \mathcal{O}_{Z, \theta, h}(\mu).
\]

**Proof:** This lemma follows directly from (A.15) and (A.17) with the help of Lemma A.3. First from (A.17) we have

\[
W_1 = \frac{1}{\det(M)} \xi_\beta^s \cdot (\ell'(-L_-)(s + L_-) + \mu \tau_\ell^s(-L_-)Z + \mu \mathcal{O}_\theta(1) + \mathcal{O}_{Z, \theta, h}(\mu^2))
\]

\[
= \frac{\mu}{\det(M)} \xi_\beta^s \cdot \left( \tau_\ell(-L_-) \left( \frac{\xi_\alpha^s \cdot \tau_\ell^s(-L_-) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon) \xi_\beta^s \cdot \tau_\ell^s(-L_-)Z + \mathcal{O}_\theta(1)}{\xi_\alpha^s \cdot \tau_\ell(-L_-) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon) \xi_\beta^s \cdot \tau_\ell(-L_-)} \right) + \tau_\ell^s(-L_-)Z \right)
\]

\[
+ \mu \mathcal{O}_\theta(1) + \mathcal{O}_{Z, \theta, h}(\mu^2)
\]

\[
= \frac{\mu}{\det(M)} (1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon))Z + \mu \mathcal{O}_\theta(1) + \mathcal{O}_{Z, \theta, h}(\mu^2)
\]

where Lemma A.3 is used for the second equality. Substituting into (A.15), we obtain

\[
X = \frac{1}{\det(M)} (1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon))Z + \mathcal{O}_\theta(1) + \mathcal{O}_{Z, \theta, h}(\mu).
\]

We also note that \(\det(M) = \xi_\alpha \cdot \xi_\beta^s\).

In completely symmetric forms, we have similar results for \(\Sigma^*, \Gamma\) and \(\Gamma^*\). These results are summarized in the following two propositions.

**Proposition A.2.** (a) Use \((X, \theta)\) to represent a point on \(\Sigma\) and let \((s, Z, \theta) = \mathcal{L}_\mu^{-1}(X, \theta)\). We have \(s = -L_- + \mathcal{O}_{Z, \theta, h}(\mu)\) and

\[
X = \frac{1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)}{\xi_\alpha \cdot \xi_\beta^s} Z + \mathcal{O}_\theta(1) + \mathcal{O}_{Z, \theta, h}(\mu).
\]

(b) Use \((\Psi, \theta)\) to represent a point on \(\Gamma\), and let \((s, Z, \theta) = \mathcal{L}_\mu^{-1}(\Psi, \theta)\). We have \(s = L_+ + \mathcal{O}_{Z, \theta, h}(\mu)\) and

\[
\Psi = \frac{1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)}{\xi_\alpha \cdot \xi_\beta^s} Z + \mathcal{O}_\theta(1) + \mathcal{O}_{Z, \theta, h}(\mu).
\]

**Proposition A.3.** (a) Use \((X, \theta)\) to represent a point on \(\Sigma^*\) and let \((s, Z, \theta) = (\mathcal{L}_\mu^*)^{-1}(X, \theta)\). We have \(s = -L_-^* + \mathcal{O}_{Z, \theta, h}(\mu)\) and

\[
X = \frac{1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^*)}{\xi_\alpha^* \cdot \xi_\beta^s} Z + \mathcal{O}_\theta(1) + \mathcal{O}_{Z, \theta, h}(\mu).
\]

(b) Use \((\Psi, \theta)\) to represent a point on \(\Gamma^*\), and let \((s, Z, \theta) = (\mathcal{L}_\mu^*)^{-1}(\Psi, \theta)\). We have \(s = L_+ + \mathcal{O}_{Z, \theta, h}(\mu)\) and

\[
\Psi = \frac{1 + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^*)}{\xi_\alpha^* \cdot \xi_\beta^s} Z + \mathcal{O}_\theta(1) + \mathcal{O}_{Z, \theta, h}(\mu).
\]
Proposition A.2(a) is Lemmas A.2 and A.4. Proposition A.2(b) and Proposition A.3(a)(b) are parallel to Proposition A.2(a) and the proofs are all similar.

A.5. Derivation of $M : \Sigma_\mu \to \Gamma_\mu^\ast$. We use $(s, Z, \theta)$ as the phase variables and the normal form (A.11) to derive a formula for $M : \Sigma_\mu \to \Gamma_\mu^\ast$.

Lemma A.5. For $(Z, \theta) \in \Sigma_\mu$, let $(\tilde{Z}, \tilde{\theta})$ be such that $(\tilde{Z}, \tilde{\theta}) = M(Z, \theta)$. We have

\begin{align}
\tilde{Z} &= M_+ W_{L_-, L_+}(\theta + L)_- + M_- M_Z + O_{Z, \theta, h}(\mu), \\
\tilde{\theta} &= \theta + L_+ + L_- + O_{Z, \theta, h}(\mu)
\end{align}

where

\begin{align}
M_+ &= e^{\int_{t_0}^{t_1} E_\ell(s) ds}, \\
M_- &= e^{\int_{0}^{t_1} E_\ell(s) ds}
\end{align}

\begin{align}
W_{L_-, L_+}(\theta) &= \int_{-L_-}^{L_+} [(P(\ell(t), t + \theta), Q(\ell(t), t + \theta)) \cdot \tau_\ell(t)] e^{-\int_{0}^{t_1} E_\ell(s) ds dt};
\end{align}

and

\begin{align}
E_\ell(t) &= \tau_\ell(t) \left( \frac{\partial_x f(\ell(t))}{\partial_x f(\ell(t))} \right) \frac{\partial_x g(\ell(t))}{\partial_x g(\ell(t))} - \tau_\ell(t).
\end{align}

Proof: The formula for $\tilde{Z}, \tilde{\theta}$ in this lemma follows directly from equation (A.11) and the fact that $s = -L_- + O_{Z, \theta, h}(\mu)$ on $\Sigma_\mu$, $s = L_+ + O_{Z, \theta, h}(\mu)$ on $\Gamma_\mu^\ast$. We also note that, in order for all solutions starting from $\Sigma_\mu$ to stay inside of $D$, it suffices to let

\begin{align}
K_1(\varepsilon) &= \sup_{\theta \in S^1, \tau \in [-2L_-, 2L_+]} |W_{L_-, \tau}(\theta)| + M_+ M_-\n\end{align}

where $W_{L_-, \tau}(\theta)$ is defined by replacing the upper bound $L_+$ of the integral for $W_{L_-, L_+}(\theta)$ by $\tau$. This is the value of $K_1(\varepsilon)$ that defines $D$. □

Proof of Proposition 3.1: The formula as stated in Proposition 3.1 is now obtained by putting the results of Lemmas A.1, A.5 and Propositions A.2 and A.3 together. □

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