

A Weak Liouville-Arnol'd Theorem

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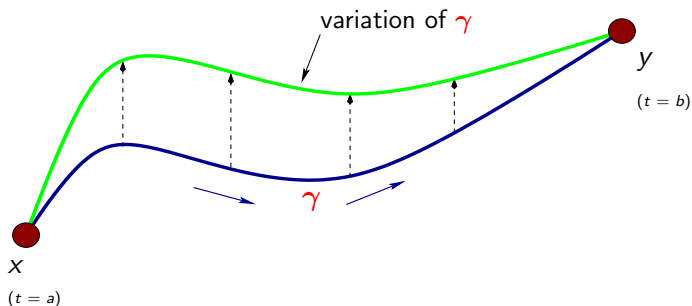
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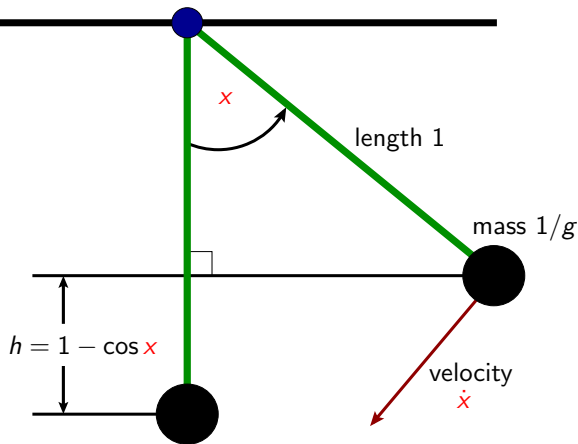
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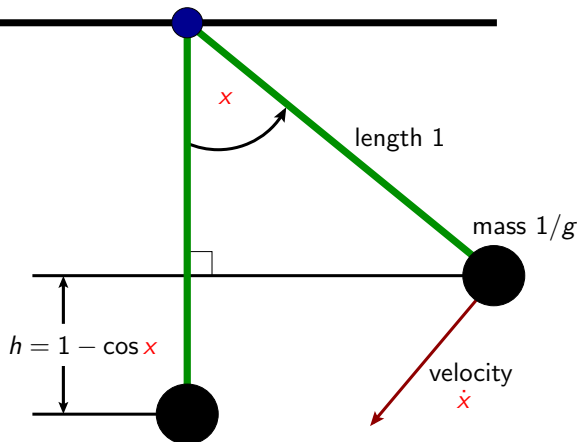


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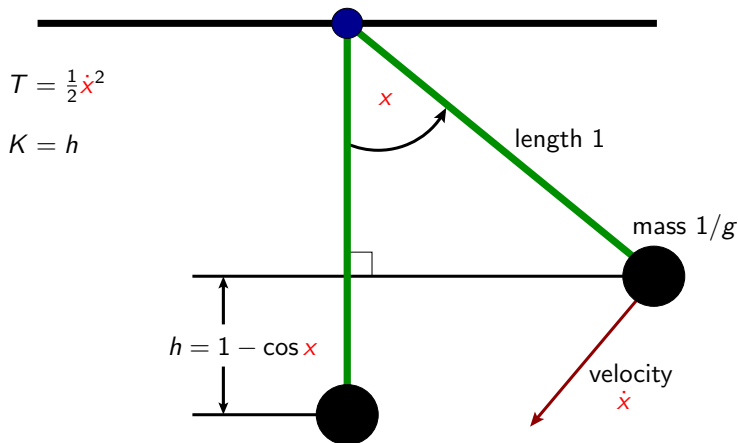
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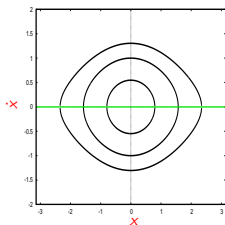
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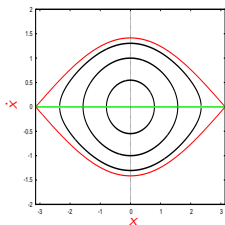
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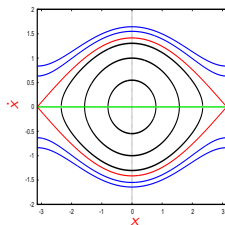
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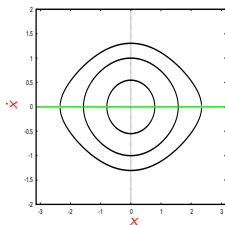
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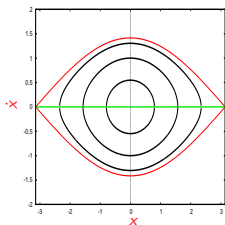
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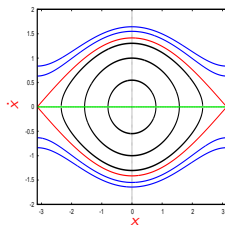
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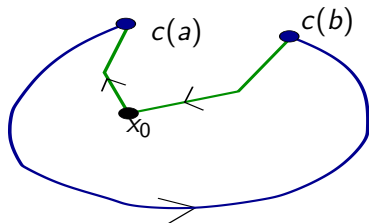
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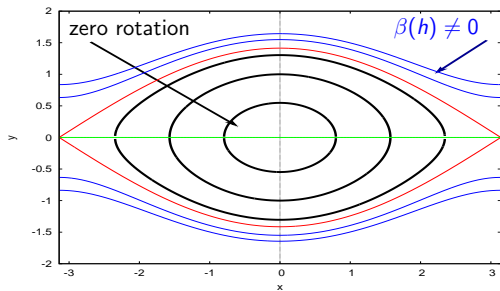
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$$\text{supp}(\mathfrak{M}_c(L)) = \text{Lipschitz graph over its projection to } M \times S^1$$
$$= \text{union of minimising orbits.}$$

The pendulum and α/β



Fathi: $\alpha(c)$ satisfies $\alpha(c) = \inf_{\theta \in c} \sup_x \{E(x, \theta(x))\}$.

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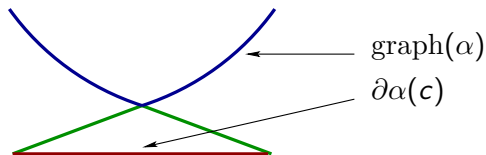
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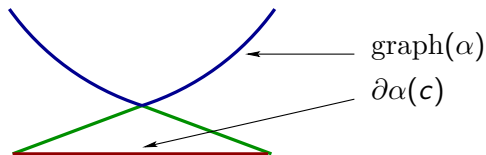


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Function $H \implies$ vector field

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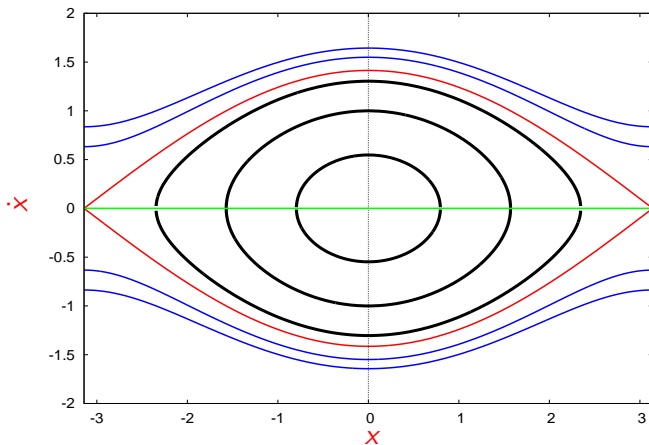
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$$X_{F_k} = \begin{cases} \dot{\theta}^i = \frac{\partial F_k}{\partial I_i} \\ \dot{I}_i = 0 \end{cases}$$

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Weak integrability (Sorrentino)

A Hamiltonian is *weakly integrable* if it admits $\dim M$ functionally independent integrals.

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3. the rotation vector of any invariant measure supported on Λ_c is the same;
4. the same is true for all c' in a neighbourhood of $c \in H^1(M)$;
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Thank you

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