# **Leading Pollicott-Ruelle resonances for chaotic area-preserving maps**

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Recent investigations in nonlinear sciences show that not only hyperbolic but also mixed dynamical systems may exhibit exponential relaxation in the chaotic regime. The relaxation rates, which lead the decay of probability distributions and correlation functions, are related to the classical evolution resolvent Perron-Frobenius operator) pole logarithm, the so-called Pollicott-Ruelle resonances. In this Brief Report, the leading Pollicott-Ruelle resonances are calculated analytically for a general class of area-preserving maps. Besides the leading resonances related to the diffusive modes of momentum dynamics (slow rate), we also calculate the leading faster rate, related to the angular correlations. The analytical results are compared to the existing results in the literature.

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

It is well-known that for systems exhibiting chaotic dynamics, precise long-time predictions of individual trajectories are impossible. It is natural, therefore, to investigate the statistical properties of these systems. In this sense, the time evolution of the probability densities of trajectories  $\rho_n$ , ruled by the Perron-Frobenius (PF) operator *U* as  $\rho_{n+1} = U\rho_n$ , have been extensively studied  $\lceil 1,2 \rceil$  $\lceil 1,2 \rceil$  $\lceil 1,2 \rceil$  $\lceil 1,2 \rceil$ .

Due to Liouville's theorem, *U* can be represented by a unitary operator in a Hilbert space. Consequently, its resolvent

$$
R(z) = \frac{1}{z - U} = \frac{1}{z} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} U^{j} z^{-j}
$$
 (1)

<span id="page-0-1"></span>is singular on the unit circle in the complex *z* plane, and the matrix elements of  $R(z)$  are discontinuous there. The sum in Eq. ([1](#page-0-1)) is convergent for  $|z| > 1$  and has an analytical extension across the cut into the first Riemann sheet, which exhibits a set of singularities known as Pollicott-Ruelle (PR) resonances  $[3,4]$  $[3,4]$  $[3,4]$  $[3,4]$ . A purely discrete spectrum represents regular dynamics, whereas chaos is represented by a continuous spectrum. To identify the PR resonances it is necessary to analytically continue the resolvent across the continuous spectrum of *U* from the outside to the inside of the unitary circle. These resonances characterize the irreversible behavior of chaotic dynamics  $[1,5]$  $[1,5]$  $[1,5]$  $[1,5]$ . In particular, the nontrivial  $(z \neq 1)$  maximal PR resonance leads the exponential decay of distribution and correlation functions  $[6,7]$  $[6,7]$  $[6,7]$  $[6,7]$ .

The PR resonances have attracted considerable attention not only in classical dynamics but also in quantum systems [[8](#page-3-7)], and some numerical and semianalytical schemes were recently developed to calculate them. Blum and Agam proposed a variational method to locate the leading resonances [9](#page-3-8). Although their results describe the apparent formation of a leading quartet for two particular map cases, verified by respective numerical diagonalization of *U*, the leading resonance calculated diverges for a set of values of *K* in the standard map case when this approach breaks down. Florido *et al.* extended this variational approach in a class of numerical methods in which memory function and filter diagonalization techniques are utilized by means of interpolating exponentials  $[10]$  $[10]$  $[10]$ . Usually, there are two standard ways to calculate the PR resonances: one is based on the numerical diagonalization of the operator *U*, for which the resonances are directly calculated from its eigenvalues  $[9,11,12]$  $[9,11,12]$  $[9,11,12]$  $[9,11,12]$  $[9,11,12]$ ; the other, through the zeros of the classical Ruelle zeta function, is derived from the trace of the resolvent of  $U$  [[1](#page-3-0)[,2](#page-3-1)]. In the last case, there are analytical calculations of these resonances for some hyperbolic systems (for which this formalism is rigorous) such as the multibaker map  $[1]$  $[1]$  $[1]$ , geodesic motion in billiards of constant negative curvature  $\lceil 13 \rceil$  $\lceil 13 \rceil$  $\lceil 13 \rceil$ , and hard-disk scatterers  $[1]$  $[1]$  $[1]$ . On the other hand, many physically realistic systems are mixed, and analytical procedures to determine resonances for these cases are thus in demand.

The motivation of the present Brief Report is to calculate analytically the leading PR resonances for slow (diffusive) and faster modes of dynamics for the general class of twodimensional area-preserving maps:

$$
I_{n+1} = I_n + Kf(\theta_n),
$$
  

$$
\theta_{n+1} = \theta_n + c\alpha(I_{n+1}) \mod 2\pi,
$$
 (2)

<span id="page-0-2"></span>defined on the cylinder  $-\pi \le \theta < \pi$ ,  $-\infty < I < \infty$ . Here *f*( $\theta$ ) is the impulse function,  $\alpha(I) = \alpha(I + 2\pi r)$  is the rotation number, *c* and *r* are real parameters, and *K* is the stochasticity parameter. This map is commonly called the *radial twist map* [[14](#page-3-13)] periodic in momentum variable *I*. The specific linear rotation number (LRN) case  $c\alpha(I) \equiv I$  for which  $f(\theta) = \sin \theta$  represents the Chirikov-Taylor standard map  $[15]$  $[15]$  $[15]$ , a paradigm of Hamiltonian chaos [[14](#page-3-13)]. LRN maps are periodic because *I* can be replaced by *I* mod  $2\pi$ . On the other hand, nonperiodic rotation numbers can be considered in the limit  $r \rightarrow \infty$  [[16](#page-3-15)].

### **II. PROJECTION OPERATORS**

A usual way to determine the leading PR resonance is to evaluate the application  $U^n$  for large values of the time *n* when only the highest resonance survives, as it occurs for the equilibrium statistical mechanics of lattice systems. Let us consider the analysis of the resolvent  $(1)$  $(1)$  $(1)$  for which  $U^n$  can be expressed as  $\oint_C dz R(z)z^n = 2\pi i U^n$  [[5](#page-3-4)]. The spectrum of *U* is \*roberto.venegeroles@ufabc.edu.br located on the unit circle *C* around the origin in the complex

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*z* plane or inside it. Thus the contour of integration is a circle lying just outside the unit circle. In order to evaluate  $U^n$ , a very effective method based on the projection operator techniques can be used  $\lceil 5,18 \rceil$  $\lceil 5,18 \rceil$  $\lceil 5,18 \rceil$  $\lceil 5,18 \rceil$ . In this method, we consider two mutually orthogonal idempotent operators *P* and *Q*:

$$
1 = P + Q
$$
,  $P^2 = P$ ,  $Q^2 = Q$ ,  $PQ = QP = 0$ , (3)

where 1 represents the identity operator. These operators decompose the resolvent in the following nontrivial form:

<span id="page-1-0"></span>
$$
\frac{1}{z-U} = [P + QC(z)P]\frac{1}{z - P\mathcal{E}(z)P}[P + P\mathcal{D}(z)Q] + Q\mathcal{P}(z)Q,
$$
\n(4)

where the operators  $P(z)$ ,  $E(z)$ ,  $C(z)$ , and  $D(z)$  are the discrete time version of the Brussels formalism  $[17]$  $[17]$  $[17]$ , defined by

$$
QP(z)Q = Q \frac{1}{z - QUQ}Q, \tag{5}
$$

$$
P\mathcal{E}(z)P = PUP + PUQP(z)QUP,
$$
 (6)

$$
Q\mathcal{C}(z)P = Q\mathcal{P}(z)QUP,
$$
\n(7)

$$
PD(z)Q = PUQP(z)Q.
$$
 (8)

<span id="page-1-1"></span>A recent proof of Eqs.  $(4)$  $(4)$  $(4)$ – $(8)$  $(8)$  $(8)$  can be found in [[18](#page-3-16)].

The matrix representation of the PF operator  $U$  for Eq.  $(2)$  $(2)$  $(2)$ in Fourier space  $(m, q)$  is given by

$$
\langle m, q | U | m', q' \rangle
$$
  
= 
$$
\sum_{m'} \int dq' \sum_{l} \delta(lr^{-1} - q' + q) \mathcal{G}_l(r, mc) \mathcal{J}_{m-m'}(-Kq'),
$$
  
(9)

obtained in [[7](#page-3-6)], and the Fourier decompositions of the  $\alpha(I)$ and  $f(\theta)$  functions are

$$
\mathcal{G}_l(r,x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d\theta \exp\{-i[x\alpha(r\theta) - l\theta]\},\qquad(10)
$$

$$
\mathcal{J}_m(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d\theta \exp\{-i[m\theta - xf(\theta)]\}.
$$
 (11)

#### **III. SLOW RELAXATION RATE**

The leading PR resonances related to diffusive modes of the momentum variable  $I$  for Eq.  $(2)$  $(2)$  $(2)$  correspond to the relaxation rate of  $PU^{n}P \sim \exp[n\gamma(q)]$  for  $n \geq 1$  and  $P = |0, q\rangle$ . The diffusion coefficient *D* is then calculated by  $D = -(1/2)\partial_q^2 \gamma(q)|_{q=0}$ . Applying *P* on the two sides of Eq. ([4](#page-1-0)), the projection of the PF operator  $U^n$  can be written as

$$
PU^{n}P = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{C} dz \frac{z^{n}}{z - \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} z^{-j} \Psi_{j}(q)},
$$
 (12)

<span id="page-1-2"></span>where the memory functions  $\Psi_j(q)$  are given by [[7](#page-3-6)]

$$
\Psi_0(q) = \mathcal{J}_0(-Kq),\tag{13}
$$

$$
\Psi_1(q) = \sum_m \mathcal{J}_{-m}(-Kq)\mathcal{J}_m(-Kq)\mathcal{G}_0(r,mc),\qquad(14)
$$

$$
\Psi_{j\geq 2}(q) = \sum_{\{m\}} \sum_{\{\lambda\}^{\dagger}} \mathcal{J}_{-m_1}(-Kq) \mathcal{J}_{m_j}(-Kq) \mathcal{G}_{\lambda_1}(r, m_1 c)
$$

$$
\times \prod_{i=2}^{j} \mathcal{G}_{\lambda_i}(r, m_i c) \mathcal{J}_{m_{i-1}-m_i} \left[ -K \left( q + r^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \lambda_k \right) \right].
$$
\n(15)

Hereafter, the following convention will be used: the set of wave numbers *m* and  $\{m\} = \{m_1, \ldots, m_i\}$  can only take *non*zero integer values, whereas the set of wave numbers  $\{\lambda\}^{\dagger}$ can take *all* integer values, including zero, and the superscript denotes the constraint  $\sum_{i=1}^{j} \lambda_i = 0$ .

The integral  $(12)$  $(12)$  $(12)$  can be solved by method of residues and its poles are evaluated by the well-known Newton-Raphson method: the zeros of an equation  $h(z) = 0$  are calculated iteratively by  $z_{n+1} = z_n - h(z_n)/h'(z_n)$ , where  $h(z)$  $\equiv$  *z*− $\sum_{j=0}^{N}$ *z<sup>-j</sup>* $\Psi_j(q)$  assumes the truncated form of the denomi-nator of Eq. ([12](#page-1-2)). First, we introduce the abbreviations  $M<sub>q</sub>$  $\equiv \sum_{j=0}^{N} \Psi_j(q)$  and  $N_q \equiv \sum_{j=1}^{N} j \Psi_j(q)$ . Notice that, taking into account the null drag condition  $\int d\theta f(\theta) = 0$  [[7](#page-3-6)], we have  $\Psi_0(q \rightarrow 0) = 1 + O(q^2)$ . In the general case, we have  $\Psi_{j\geq1}(q\to0)=O(q^2)$ . For  $q=0$ ,  $z_*=1$  is the only root of  $h(z)$ . This trivial pole is related to the equilibrium state found for  $m=m'=q=0$ . For  $q\rightarrow 0$ , the Newton-Raphson sequence of iterated roots will be given by  $z_0=1$ ,  $z_1=z_2=\cdots=z_{\infty}$  $=M_q+O(q^4)$ . For any choice of  $N \ge 1$ , it is easy to see that  $z_{\infty}(N)$  is a root of the *h*(*z*), thus  $z_* = \lim_{N \to \infty} z_{\infty}(N)$  is the leading pole of Eq.  $(12)$  $(12)$  $(12)$ . Up to fourth order in *q* this pole can be considered simple because  $P\mathcal{E}(z_*)P = z_* + O(q^4)$ . Performing the complex integration of Eq.  $(12)$  $(12)$  $(12)$  for  $n \ge 1$  we obtain the leading PR resonance  $\gamma(q)$  [[7](#page-3-6)]:

$$
\gamma(q) = \ln \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \Psi_j(q) + O(q^4).
$$
 (16)

<span id="page-1-3"></span>The relaxation rate ([16](#page-1-3)) is called slow because  $\gamma(q) = O(q^2)$ for small wave number *q*.

# **IV. FASTER RELAXATION RATE**

Likewise the leading resonance corresponding to the diffusive modes of the momentum variable *I* leads the exponential relaxation of distribution functions, leading angular resonances have an important role in the exponential decay of angular correlation functions,

$$
C_{uv}(n) = \langle u | U^n | v \rangle \sim e^{-n\gamma}, \tag{17}
$$

<span id="page-1-4"></span>in the chaotic regime for sufficiently large *n*, where *u* and *v* are two of any observables at the same instant of time. Let us consider the analysis of the transition elements  $Q_1 U^n Q \equiv \langle m, 0 | U^n | m', q' \rangle$ . Noting that  $Q_1 Q = Q_1$ , the expansion of  $Q_1R(z)Q$  can be written as

$$
Q_1 \frac{1}{z - U} Q = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} z^{-(i+1)} \phi_i,
$$
 (18)

<span id="page-2-3"></span><span id="page-2-0"></span>where  $\phi_i = Q_1 U^i Q$ . The analysis becomes simpler for the LRN case, for which we have the following first three  $\phi_i$ coefficients:

$$
\phi_1 = \sum_{m'} \mathcal{J}_{m-m'}(-mK),\tag{19}
$$

$$
\phi_2 = \sum_{\lambda} \mathcal{J}_{m-\lambda}(-mK) \sum_{m'} \mathcal{J}_{\lambda-m'}[-(m+\lambda)K],\qquad(20)
$$

<span id="page-2-1"></span>
$$
\phi_3 = \mathcal{J}_{2m}(-mK) \sum_{m'} \mathcal{J}_{-(m+m')}(mK) + \Gamma_m(K) + O(\mathcal{J}^3),
$$
\n(21)

<span id="page-2-5"></span>where

$$
\Gamma_m(K) = \mathcal{J}_m^2(-mK) + \mathcal{J}_0(-mK)\mathcal{J}_m(-mK)
$$
  
+ 
$$
\sum_{m'} \mathcal{J}_{m-m'}(-mK)\{\mathcal{J}_{m+2m'}[-(m+m')K]\}
$$
  
+ 
$$
\mathcal{J}_{m'}[-(m+m')K]\}.
$$
 (22)

In the calculation of Eqs.  $(19)$  $(19)$  $(19)$ – $(21)$  $(21)$  $(21)$ , as well as in the calculations that follow, it is crucial to consider the following addition rule:

<span id="page-2-2"></span>
$$
\sum_{m'} \mathcal{J}_{m-m'}(x) = \sum_{\lambda} \mathcal{J}_{m-\lambda}(x) - \mathcal{J}_m(x) = 1 - \mathcal{J}_m(x). \quad (23)
$$

Notice that, including  $l=0$ , we have  $\Sigma_l \exp(-\frac{i}{l}t)$  $=2\pi\Sigma_l \delta(t-2\pi l)$ . Hence the identity ([23](#page-2-2)) holds due to  $\Sigma_{\lambda} \mathcal{J}_{\lambda}(x) = \exp[ixf(0)] = 1$  for  $f(0) = 0$ . Such a result was only known for the particular case of Bessel functions of the first kind by means of its generating function.

For sufficiently high values of *K* we expect that the coefficients  $\phi_i$  become negligible as *i* increases. Thus, in a first approximation, we can truncate the right-hand side of Eq.  $(18)$  $(18)$  $(18)$  at  $i=3$  and rewrite it in the following rational form:

$$
\frac{\phi_1 z^2 + \phi_2 z + \phi_3}{z^4} \approx \frac{z^{-4}}{\psi_0 + \psi_1 z + \psi_2 z^2},\tag{24}
$$

<span id="page-2-4"></span>whose coefficients  $\psi_i$  are given in terms of  $\phi_i$  as

$$
\psi_0 = \frac{1}{\phi_3}, \quad \psi_1 = -\frac{\phi_2}{\phi_3^2}, \quad \psi_2 = \frac{\phi_2^2}{\phi_3^3} - \frac{\phi_1}{\phi_3^2}.
$$
 (25)

The right-hand side of Eq.  $(24)$  $(24)$  $(24)$  is, in a first approximation, the analytical extension of the series representation of  $Q_1R(z)Q$ , valid in the chaotic regime. The non-null poles of the projected resolvent  $(24)$  $(24)$  $(24)$  form the leading resonances of the PF operator  $Q_1 U Q$ . First, we have  $\phi_1 = 1 - \mathcal{J}_m(-mK)$  due to Eq. ([23](#page-2-2)), thus  $\phi_1 \neq 0$  unless  $K=-1$  for the particular case of the sawtooth map  $f(\theta) = \theta$ . Considering  $\phi_1 = 1 + O(\mathcal{J})$  as the dominant term,  $\phi_2$  (for  $\lambda = m' = -m$ ) and  $\phi_3$  must be the  $O(\mathcal{J})$  perturbative terms of the  $\phi$ -expansion ([24](#page-2-4)). Neglecting only  $O(\mathcal{J}^3)$  terms on the  $\phi_i$  coefficients, the poles of the rational form  $(24)$  $(24)$  $(24)$  will be given by

<span id="page-2-7"></span>

FIG. 1. Theoretical leading resonance  $\gamma$  (solid line) calculated for the standard map compared with its asymptotic value  $\gamma_{\infty}$  (dotted line) and several numerical calculations. Here,  $(\blacksquare)$  and  $(\triangle)$  represent the resonances calculated from  $C_{1,1}$  and  $C_{1,2}$  correlations, re-spectively, by Khodas et al. [[6](#page-3-5)], (\*) represents the resonances cal-culate by Blum and Agam [[9](#page-3-8)], and  $(\star)$  is the intermediary value calculated by Florido et al. [[10](#page-3-9)].

$$
z_{\pm} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\phi_3}{\phi_1}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\phi_2}{\phi_1} + O(\mathcal{J}^{3/2}).
$$
 (26)

The ratio  $\phi_2 / \phi_1$  can be considered only as  $\mathcal{J}_{2m}(-mK)$ , and its  $O(\mathcal{J}^2)$  terms can be neglected. On the other hand, the ratio  $\phi_3 / \phi_1 \sim \mathcal{J}_{2m}(-mK)$  must be considered up to  $O(\mathcal{J}^2)$  terms, given  $O(\mathcal{J}^{1/2})$  and  $O(\mathcal{J})$  corrections. Thus the leading angular resonance, represented in the exponential form as  $|z| = \exp(-\gamma)$ , will be

<span id="page-2-6"></span>
$$
\gamma = -\ln \max_{m} \left( \sqrt{\mathcal{J}_{2m}(-mK) + \Gamma_m(K)} \pm \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{J}_{2m}(-mK) \right),
$$
\n(27)

with  $\Gamma_m(K)$  given by Eq. ([22](#page-2-5)). Note that, for odd impulse function  $f(\theta)$ , the leading resonance ([27](#page-2-6)) is invariant under the change  $m \rightarrow -m$ .

<span id="page-2-8"></span>For very large values of  $K$ , the leading resonance  $(27)$  $(27)$  $(27)$ tends to the following value:

$$
\gamma_{\infty} = -\ln \max_{m} |\sqrt{\mathcal{J}_{2m}(-mK)}|, \qquad (28)
$$

obtained in a different way by Khodas *et al.* for the standard map particular case  $\lceil 6 \rceil$  $\lceil 6 \rceil$  $\lceil 6 \rceil$ . It is important to check the limits of validity of each approximation and its respective adequacy to the numerical values existing in the literature. In Fig. [1](#page-2-7) we compare, for the standard map, the resonance  $(27)$  $(27)$  $(27)$  with its asymptotic value  $(28)$  $(28)$  $(28)$ . For sufficiently large times, they calculate numerically the correlation  $(17)$  $(17)$  $(17)$  for *u* and *v* proportional to  $exp(im\theta)$  and for some combinations of modes  ${m,m'}$ , where  $C_{uv} \equiv C_{m,m'}$  in this choice. Once the reso-nance ([27](#page-2-6)) is dominated by initial mode  $m=1$ , we select  $C_{1,1}$ and  $C_{1,2}$  as the best simulated correlations. However, these numerical values have only a qualitative character for sake of comparison, since resonance  $(27)$  $(27)$  $(27)$  leads the decay of correlations only for very large times, when the numerical signal is too weak  $[6]$  $[6]$  $[6]$ . Moreover, the precise composition of the ob-

servable v as a possible superposition of modes  $\{m'_i\}$ , for which  $C_{1,v}$  decay through Eq. ([27](#page-2-6)), is not known. On the other hand, we also include the two values of leading resonances calculated numerically by diagonalization of *U* for  $K=10$  and 13 by Blum and Agam  $[9]$  $[9]$  $[9]$ , in addition to the leading intermediary value calculated by Florido *et al.* for  $K=10$  $K=10$  (assumed here between  $z=0.672$  and 0.715) [10]. By comparing all these results, the theoretical result  $(27)$  $(27)$  $(27)$  gives a better qualitative fit with the numerical values even for high values of *K* and, besides, it reveals a more intrincated structure of peaks for the maximal resonance.

The sawtooth map  $f(\theta) = \theta$  is the only particular LRN case for which the perturbative scheme presented above breaks down [[19](#page-3-18)]. This occurs in such a case due to  $\mathcal{J}_m(x) = 1$  for  $m=x$  and integer values of *K*. For example, besides  $\phi_1=1$  for all integers  $K \neq -1$ ,  $\phi_2$  can be rewritten as

$$
\phi_2 = 1 - \sum_{\lambda} \mathcal{J}_{m-\lambda}(-mK)\mathcal{J}_{\lambda}[-(m+\lambda)K].
$$
 (29)

<span id="page-3-19"></span>For integer  $K$ , the sum in the right-hand side of Eq.  $(29)$  $(29)$  $(29)$ vanishes unless  $-K = \frac{\lambda}{m+\lambda} = \frac{m-\lambda}{m}$ , which gives  $|\lambda/m| = g_*$  or  $|\lambda/m| = g_*^{-1}$ , where  $g_* = (\sqrt{5}-1)/2$  is the golden mean. Hence we also have  $\phi_2=1$  for all integers *K*. This suggests that  $\phi_i = 1$  for almost all integers *K*. If this hypothesis is true, we then have as an analytical continuation of the resolvent for  $|z| > 1$ ,

$$
Q_1 \frac{1}{z - U} Q = \frac{1}{z^2} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{z^j} = \frac{1}{z(z - 1)},
$$
 (30)

according to Eq.  $(18)$  $(18)$  $(18)$ . Thus  $z=1$  corresponds to the invariant density and all the other resonances are infinitely degenerated at *z*=0. This particular result was demonstrated by Sano for all positive integers *K* by using the Fredholm determinant of  $U$  [[12](#page-3-11)].

# **V. CONCLUDING REMARKS**

In conclusion, we have presented a method to determine analytically leading Pollicott-Ruelle resonances which is applicable to a general class of area-preserving maps, including mixed systems. Such resonances are obtained through the resolvent of the PF operator by using projection operator techniques. In particular, we calculate the leading resonance related to the slow modes of relaxation, which corresponds to the diffusive process, as well as the leading resonance related to the faster modes of relaxation. In this last case, our perturbative analysis was performed only for systems with linear rotation numbers, although it can be similarly applied for nonlinear ones.

The analytical results obtained here have been compared with theoretical and numerical calculations existing in the literature. The resonance  $(27)$  $(27)$  $(27)$  was calculated in a systematic way in which correction terms of order  $O(\mathcal{J})$  produce a more intricate structure of peaks for the standard map case even for high values of *K*, as can be seen in Fig. [1.](#page-2-7) Despite the absence of estimates of errors in the numerical results, the agreement with the theoretical result  $(27)$  $(27)$  $(27)$  is reasonable. We have also investigated particular characteristics of the sawtooth map that are incompatible with the perturbative approach developed in the Sec. IV. Our analysis points toward the accordance between our hypothesis and the results presented in  $[12]$  $[12]$  $[12]$ .

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